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▲ WPD Officer Paul Chalifour says goodbye to his WPD family.

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Updates to superintendent evaluation

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As the 2019-2020 school year opens, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand has proposed updates to Superintendent evaluation methodology.

According to Brand, recent guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education suggests a new breakdown of goal categories. These include one professional practice goal, one student learning goal, two to four district improvement goals, and six to eight aligned indicator goals.

At this point in time, according to Brand, use of the new alignment is simply an option open for deliberation by the School Committee.

"You don't have to, but certainly you can," said Brand, "and if you are interested in it, then I would be very interested as well, too."

Brand stated that his professional practice goal is to extend his personal involvement and presence in the schools. He intends to schedule one visit to each school per month, which is what he did last year.

He didn't, from a logistical standpoint, have enough time to attend every staff meeting. He said he hopes his involvement in these meetings extends beyond just attendance.

One of the stated goals of his attendance at these meetings is "...being able to identify themes or opportunities for areas for further growth from the use instructionally of this time that contractually teachers have to attend."

Brand also said that his increased involvement would extend to department meetings. He said that last year, he had some opportunities to attend these meetings, but he was not able to attend consistently across the board. He categorized these meetings as an opportunity to discuss the district, at least at the secondary level, from a systems standpoint, as well as an opportunity to be present and hear about work transpiring with regards to the district strategic plan.

The student learning goal, according to Brand, is tied in closely with the district strategic plan.

WILMINGTON — Since the Wilmington Memorial Library doesn't have a projected new building date until 2034 according to the Facilities Master Plan, they're finding innovative ways to make use of their space to best meet the needs of the community.

Last year, the Wilmington Facility Master Plan confirmed the need for an expanded Wilmington library. WML Director Tina Stewart explained that she respects the priorities of the master plan and is prepared to use the building in new ways until then.

Since the Wilmington Memorial Library lost the vote to build a new library in 2005, it has been the mission of the staff and Friends of the Library to get the best use of their limited space. In one sense,

Stewart shared that they're grateful for the 2005 vote because it allowed for the creation of the Bookstore Next Door, which has helped pay for the library's programs and small updates since its opening in 2007.

One way they've rearranged according to need is by digitizing some old town information and reference books to create more office, meeting, and seating space.

They're very pleased with the added seating space on both floors including two separate desktop computer sections. Following a survey in which library-goers voted for quiet space, they have created a designated quiet area with tables and soft seating. Stewart shared that they really want to offer a living room atmosphere where people can sit and read or do work more comfortably. They even

built a seating area outside with a few benches and picnic tables so that guests can read and use wi-fi outdoors.

The Banda Room, located on the second floor, which previously held local history books, has become a public meeting room. It can also be used to host library programs and staff training. There's also an updated projector system in the end meeting room for large meetings to more easily share screens.

Stewart also previewed the space downstairs maximized for small work areas, where separators mark off cubicles for two librarians to work with limited privacy. For the near future, they have planned a project to close off the second staircase to provide a designated area for the Tech Librarian to meet with people and either another meeting room or quiet

area. The money for this construction update comes from a donation made by Barbara Johnson when she passed away in 2015.

A lot of the space inside the library is designed to be flexible, so that the space can be adapted for special events. About three times a year, the library stays open on a Friday night for a concert, and that's where the rolling shelves come in handy. They can simply move these display shelves out of the way to create space for the band to play and for concert attendees to enjoy.

They also put in hanging art holders where artists can display their pieces in one of the meeting rooms upstairs.

Besides maximizing space to fit the needs of the people, the library has been making its space more

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New Wilmington library not due before 2034

By LIZZIE HILL
News Correspondent

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begin undergoing repairs this summer after several years of comments about areas of the floor rising and crimping under warmer weather conditions. This was concerning to many in the district due to the fact that the building construction was completed just

four years ago, in 2015.

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Gym floor repair in progress

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Bach, Beethoven, Brahms concert on Sept. 12

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

Stephen Bates Quartet *RR

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.
The Stephen Bates Quartet will perform an eclectic program of classical music featuring works by the three Bs

— Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms — as well as pieces by 20th-21st century composers Astor Piazzolla, Bela Bartok, and Armando Ghidoni. The ensemble members are Chester Brezniak, and Julie Stuckenschneider, Bb clarinet; and Stephen Bates and Karen Luttkik, bass clarinet. These highly regarded musicians and teachers have performed in orchestras and chamber groups around the globe.

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m.
Drop in, grab a tea or coffee, and chat with a police officer. Learn about the rights of the public as well

as the roles and responsibilities of police and community in a relaxed and open setting. All questions welcome.

Current Affairs Discussion Group *RR

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.
This group is for all who would like to broaden their knowledge of current national and international affairs. You will have the opportunity to discuss topical events and learn from others. Recommended background readings will be provided prior to each meeting. Led by facilitator Dan Hall.

Upcoming Book

Discussions

If you like to read and discuss the book afterwards, consider joining one of the library's book discussion groups. Copies of the featured book are available at the library. All welcome!

Novel Ideas Book Group *RR

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.
Featured Book: The Glass Ocean by Beatriz Williams, Karen White, Lauren Willig

Well Read Wednesday Book Group *RR

Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.
Featured Book: Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier

Kids & Teen Events

SAT Practice Test *RR

Saturday, Sept. 7, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Grades 10-12
Practice the SAT for free! Students take the entire 3 hour and 50 minute test allowing an extra 25 minutes for breaks, and then receive their results courtesy of The

Princeton Review. Please bring pencils and a scientific calculator. Grades 10-12

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m.
At this drop-in playgroup we will begin with a story and then play together! Led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

Art Adventures: Henri Rousseau Tigers *RR

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 3:45 p.m.

Create your own masterpiece! Grades 1-5

Read to Thor *RR

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Come read to Thor, a beautiful dog who loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per reader. Grades K-5

Kindergarten Book Club *RR

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 3:45 p.m.
This book club is for Kindergarteners who miss storytime or those who love to be read to. We will read and

discuss a few books together, then do a fun activity.

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Teen Volunteer Orientation *RR

Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.
Need volunteer hours? Whether for meeting your graduation requirement or just because you really love helping out at the library, we may have opportunities available for you! Please complete the online application at <https://wilmlibrary.org/youth-services/teens/volunteers/> before attending. Grades 9-12

Intro to Dungeons & Dragons *RR

Saturday, Sept. 14, 1 - 4 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Alex for more info and a mini-campaign! Grades 6-12

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HOW THE NEW TAX LAW REVISED FAMILY TAX CREDITS

More families will be able to get more money under the newly revised Child Tax Credit.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), the tax reform legislation passed in December 2017, doubled the maximum Child Tax Credit, boosted income limits to be able to claim the credit, and revised the identification number requirement for 2018 and subsequent years. The new law also created a second smaller credit of up to \$500 per dependent aimed at taxpayers supporting older children and other relatives who do not qualify for the Child Tax Credit.

Child Tax Credit increased

Higher income limits mean more families are now eligible for the Child Tax Credit. The credit begins to phase out at \$200,000 of modified adjusted gross income, or \$400,000 for married couples filing jointly, which is up from the 2017 levels of \$75,000 for single filers or \$110,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per qualifying child, the credit applies if the child is younger than 17 at the end of the tax year; the taxpayer claims the child as a dependent; and the child lives with the taxpayer for more than six months of the year. The qualifying child must also have a valid Social Security number issued before the due date of the tax return, including extensions.

Up to \$1,400 of the credit can be refundable for each qualifying child. This means an eligible taxpayer may get a refund even if they don't owe any tax.

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Saying goodbye with family

Paul's sister Diane Chalifour and his wife Deb at Paul's retirement ceremony.

(photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)



News and notes from WCTV

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

This Sunday is WCTV Family Fun Day at Yentile Farm.

Come down from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for music, popcorn, face-painting, balloons and more! The event is free and open for all Wilmington families. It's our way of saying thanks to the community for their support. It's also a place where you can meet WCTV staff and learn more about our membership and youth programs.

We have a few demonstrations planned from IronClad Martial Arts, the WHS Cheerleading squad and Precision Dance.

...
The Wildcat Sports season is upon us. While we're dedicated to covering all varsity sports teams at WHS at least once, we can't be everywhere. Interested in helping with either a camera or play-by-play? We could use your help. This is a good way to support the teams. The kids not only like the coverage now, but will be able to look back on their time at WHS years from now.

You can be a part of a sports crew or get games on your own. Contact Marty McCue at marty@wctv.org or learn about volunteer opportunities. No prior experience is needed and there's no time commitment. Sign

up for one game or 10!

...
Sign-ups are now being accepted for our weekend youth program. You can find full details at wctv.org/wctv-weekend. The program runs for eight Saturdays, Sept. 21 to Nov. 9, with each session going from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kids will learn production techniques and have fun developing all sorts of videos that we share out on our Youth YouTube page.

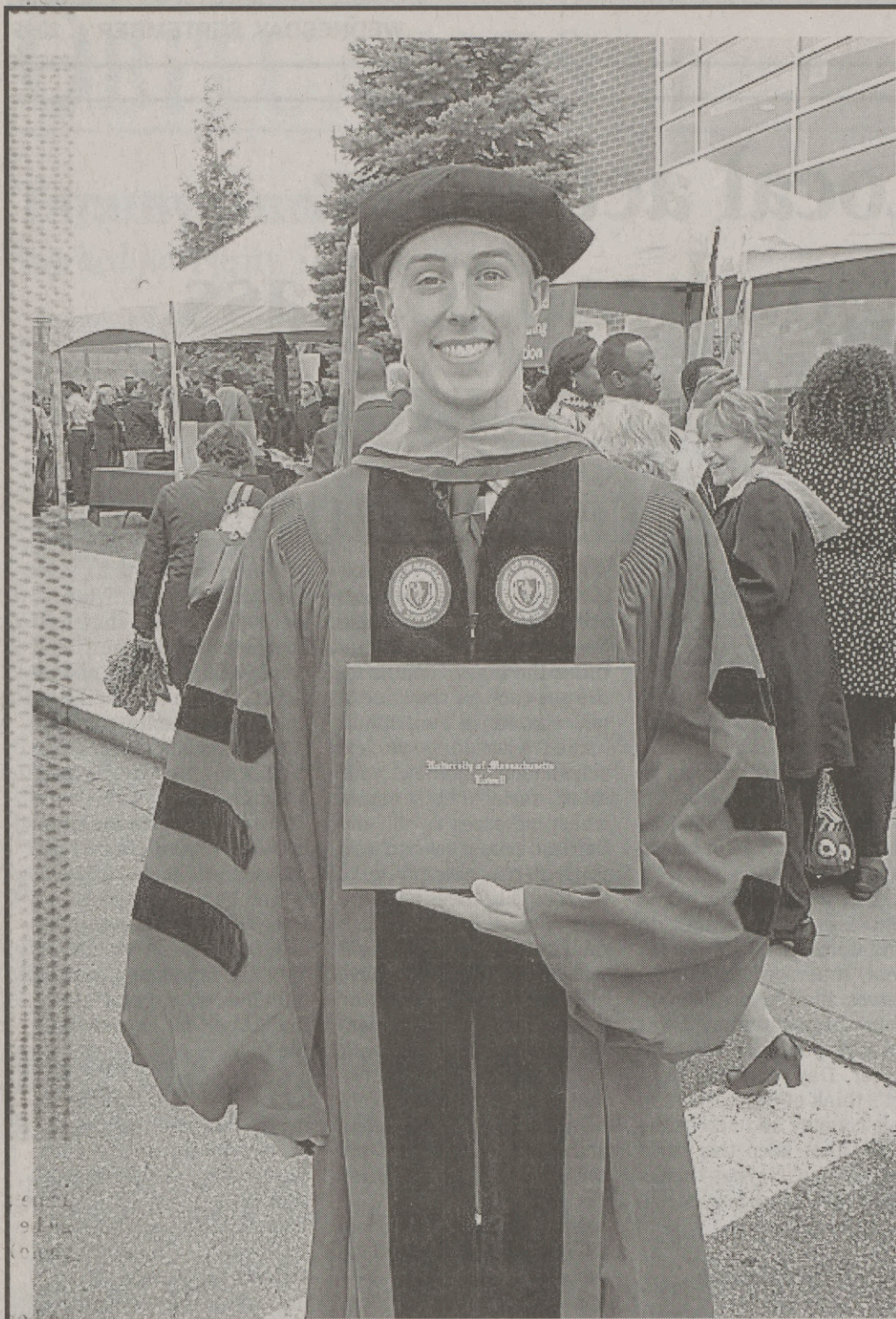
Space is limited; cost of program is \$50 per student (ages 9-14). Payment is due by the first session. To register or to ask any questions, please email Youth Director Marty McCue (marty@wctv.org).

Or give us a call at 978-657-4066.

Details on our after-school programs at the Middle and Intermediate Schools will be out soon.

Upcoming Live (Comcast 9/Verizon 37 or stream at wctv.org, through the WCTV App or the WCTV Roku Channel):

- Monday, Sept. 9 - 7 p.m. - Board of Selectmen
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 7 p.m. - School Committee
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 7 p.m. - Board of Appeals (Comcast 22/Verizon 38)
- Sunday, Sept. 29 - 6:30 p.m. - Substance Use Candlelight Vigil



Congratulations, Daniel Pothier!

Daniel Edward Pothier of Wilmington graduated with the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy and successfully passed his Board exams. Pothier earned his Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine at Merrimack College in 2016 and is a 2012 Wilmington High School alumni. (Courtesy photo)

History:

Dough Boys' winning muffins cost arm and a leg

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Sometimes it's strange how one story can be reported so differently in two different papers. No, this isn't about politics. It's about some muffins, prize-winning muffins and the boys who baked them.

On Aug. 27, 1952, the *Wilmington Crusader* had a short piece at the bottom of the front page about some youngsters winning prizes at the Middlesex County 4-H Fair in Groton. Unless you were one of the kids listed, the article would itself have taken a blue ribbon for "boring."

Why would anyone pay attention to such a story? The answer lies in the other story, which appeared on the front page of the *Boston Globe*, four days earlier: "Mother Breaks Arm and Leg, but Gets Prize Winners to Fair."

"Three Wilmington boys won prizes in a muffin baking contest today, but it cost the mother of two of them a broken leg and a broken arm."

Right there, you begin to smell a delicious story. But the story submitted to the *Crusader* left out the best ingredients.

"The boys, Melvin White Jr, 15; his brother Andrew, 10, and William Cossman, (sic) 13, are members of the All-boys Food Club," the *Globe* wrote. "The mother, Mrs. Marjorie R. White, 38, is their leader."

"Mrs. White had confidence in her boys this morning as she watched them

place their muffins in her auto for the trip to the second annual Middlesex County 4-H Fair at the old Groton Fair Grounds."

4-H is a youth activities program geared toward rural children run by county extension services under state agricultural colleges.

The *Globe* article continues: "Making the trip with Mrs. White were Andrew and William; James Cossman (sic) 11, Rickey White, 6 and brothers Bruce, 5 and Craig, 2. Melvin White stayed behind."

The families were neighbors on Woburn Street in Wilmington, near Lowell Street.

"As the auto neared the Groton line from Littleton on Route 119, it suddenly went out of control and crashed into a tree."

"The quest for honors seemed ended as Littleton Police Chief John Hannigan drove the saddened group to the hospital, where Craig was also held for treatments of face and head cuts and possible internal injuries. The other boys escaped with cuts and bruises."

"Despite her pain, Mrs. White was determined that her boys should have their chance. A friend of Mrs. White was paged at the fair grounds. The friend drove to the hospital, collected the boys and the muffins and delivered them in time for the judging."

What prizes did the boys win? For this, we turn back to the *Crusader* story, a news release by someone in 4-H.

Andrew White won third place for his muffins. William Cossman, fourth, and Melvin White, Jr., fifth.

Not a mention of the muffins, the accident or Mrs. White's injuries.

The *Crusader* article ran with a small headline, "Win first prize at Groton fair."

Three Wilmington girls have won first prizes at the Middlesex County 4-H Fair, held in Groton on Aug. 22 and 23.

The Misses Jean Bousefield, Brenda Corcoran and Georgette Crispo were all awarded first prizes, which consisted of a cash award for their work. Miss Bousefield had made a crocheted doll. Miss Corcoran made a knitted hat and Miss Crispo a set of mittens.

Other prizes were awarded, as well. Joyce Corum won second prize for a painted tray, while in the third prize division were Rose Marie Enos, Georgette Crispo, Joyce Corum, Patricia Walsh and Andrew White. Fourth prizes were won by Brenda Corcoran and William Cossman, while fifth prizes were won by Jean Bousefield and Melvin White.

Rose Marie Enos won honorable mention, and a blue ribbon for a hooked rug.

67 years later, Jim Cosman writes: I got the Blue Ribbon; Andrew a 3rd; Billy a 4th, and I don't remember Melvin being there. The group, he said, called themselves the Dough Boys.

Residents encouraged to prepare during Emergency Preparedness Month

FRAMINGHAM — Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed September 2019 as Emergency Preparedness Month to encourage individuals and families to prepare for emergencies and disasters. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the American Red Cross in Massachusetts, together with their partners will promote emergency preparedness throughout the month through various outreach initiatives. These efforts are part of a month-long nationwide preparedness campaign to encourage residents to take simple steps to better prepare themselves, their homes, their businesses, and their communities.

"As Massachusetts and the rest of the nation continue to confront natural disasters that cause major disruptions for our communities, we encourage residents to spend time this September preparing for a potential emergency or disaster," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Increased preparedness will improve public health and safety, and can help minimize property damage and the economic impact of when disaster strikes."

"Through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Public Health and other state agencies, our administration remains committed to working with cities and towns across the Commonwealth and other government partners to strengthen our preparedness for the next disaster," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We encourage the Commonwealth's residents, communities and businesses to take steps to prepare before the next emergency."

"The best defense for an emergency is being properly prepared," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "As we recognize Emergency Preparedness Month, we encourage individuals now and every day to take proactive

steps to safeguard their future health should a disaster occur."

"When it comes to preparedness, there is no time like the present," said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. "This September, take a few moments to think about the specific needs your family may have in the event of an emergency such as a blackout or severe weather, and how you can prepare now to ensure those needs are met."

"Preparedness Month is an important reminder that we should all take time now to be ready in case an emergency occurs," said Holly Grant, CEO of the American Red Cross in Massachusetts. "Talking with our families and households about what to do in case something happens gives everyone peace of mind. Small steps taken now, like making a home escape plan, can make a huge difference when a disaster strikes."

"There are a variety of hazards and threats that can cause damage and impact residents in Massachusetts," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco. "Residents can improve their personal safety and build community resilience by knowing their risks, preparing for them in advance, and knowing what to do in an emergency."

"Emergency Preparedness Month is an opportunity to prepare for the emergencies that may occur in communities across the Commonwealth," said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips. "Recent tornadoes in July have shown the importance of receiving timely emergency alerts and taking protective actions during dangerous severe weather. September is a time to refocus our attention on ensuring we have a prepared and resilient Commonwealth."

During September, MEMA, DPH and the Red Cross will share information on their respective social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics includ-

ing financial preparedness, emergency planning, youth preparedness, planning for those with access and functional needs, ways to get involved in community preparedness, and more. These agencies and organizations will host a joint Facebook Live preparedness event on Sept. 9.

MEMA will also support various emergency preparedness events across the state and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation will feature signage along highways to raise awareness.

MEMA's website, www.mass.gov/mema, features information about the hazards common in Massachusetts and resources to help prepare for emergencies: 1) Be Informed and Receive Emergency Alerts, 2) Plan for Emergencies and Disasters, 3) Build an Emergency Kit, and 4) Get Involved. Residents of the Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in preparedness activi-

ties and use these preparedness resources to help prepare themselves, their family, their property, and their community.

About MEMA

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures.

MEMA's staff of professional planners, communications specialists and operations and support personnel is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector — individuals, families, non-profits and businesses — MEMA ensures the Commonwealth's ability to rapidly recover from large

and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective response, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.

For additional information about MEMA and Emergency Preparedness, go to www.mass.gov/mema.

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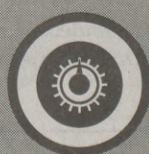
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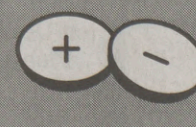
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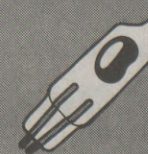
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Cub Scout open house

WILMINGTON — Cub Scout Pack 136 invites parents and children (boys and girls) kindergarten to grade 5 to an open house on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Wilmington Masonic Hall, 32 Church St. in Wilmington.

Cub Scout Pack 136 is Sponsored by American Legion Post 136 and meetings are planned on Thursdays at

the Masonic Hall.

They will have light refreshments and refreshments will have a representative from the Scout Office as well as members of Cub Scout Pack 136 to answer questions.

Can't make the meeting, message them on Facebook (Cub Scout Pack 136), email Troop136@aol.com, or call (978) 658-1754.



▲ JESSICA FRIEDRICH

(Courtesy photo)

Behavioral Concepts appoints Jessica Friedrich to northeast team

TEWKSBURY — Behavioral Concepts (BCI), a company of behavioral clinicians specializing in the care of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Massachusetts, has appointed Jessica Friedrich, a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to their Northeast team.

In her new role as Behavior Analyst, Friedrich will work under the direction of Tiffany Bellina, M.S., BCBA, LABA, BCI's Director of Northeast Programs and provide specialty Early Intervention Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to children and families in the Northeast area. These targeted services are designed to assist infants and toddlers (birth to age three) in making significant strides in their development, and are evidence-based, tailored to their needs, and usually provided in the home.

BCI offers Early Intervention services through their temporary office at 1501 Main Street, Units 29-30, in Tewksbury.

Friedrich has worked in the field of ABA for more than six years. Before joining BCI, Friedrich was employed at Applied Behavioral Learning Services in Wellesley, MA as a BCBA for a year before she was promoted to Regional Director/BCBA. Her experience also includes working as Behavioral Consultant at Creative Behavioral Solutions in Chelmsford, MA and as an Instructor at the May Institute in West Springfield.

Friedrich graduated magna cum laude from Westfield State University in Westfield with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She holds a Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from West-

field State University and is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She is a resident of Beverly.

Specialty Early Intervention Services

BCI is a partner agency that receives Early Intervention referrals from the Department of Public Health for children under age three with a diagnosis Autism Spectrum Disorder. BCI accepts most major insurance plans operating throughout Massachusetts as well as Mass Health. To learn more about BCI's services, visit <https://bciaba.com>.

About BCI

Behavioral Concepts (BCI) provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to children with autism and their families in central Massachusetts. We identify and facilitate effective personalized instruction that allows children to discover more, learn more, and be more — increasing their independence and enhancing their quality of life at home, in school, and in the community.

BCI is a Massachusetts Department of Public Health approved provider of specialty ABA services for early intervention. BCI also provides center, home-based, and afterschool services through private and public health insurance. The organization was founded in 2002 by Dr. Jeffrey R. Robinson. Further information on BCI is available at <https://bciaba.com>.

Learn more at <http://learnitsystems.com>.

Local activities: Students head to class, pharmacy store proposals and some fiscal notes

By Paul J. Andrews
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Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents
Member of Board of
Winchester Hospital

Writing this on Labor Day, I would like to comment on several issues but first on our workers. Rev. David Kohlneier of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth in his *Cape Cod Times* column made a couple of statements that I feel are important, as we look at this important Labor Day in our year that too often is taken for granted or marking the end of summer.

Rev. Kohlneier commented in his column the following, "I am routinely struck by how ordinary people can be treated as if they are invisible."

He adds later in a conclusion paragraph, "respecting working people and siding with them, hearing their struggles and being their accomplices in getting justice" is what this day is all about in essence.

The key points of the West Virginia minister clearly look at the hard work in the coal mines and railroad of his prior state of his youth and the huge amount of work that had to be performed by those folks in his memory of time there. His comments on workers being taken for granted or "invisible" are often forgotten, as we see it everyday

in stores and companies, where the simple word "thanks" is lost in the vocabulary.

The words "I appreciate your help" from a customer can go a long way to making the day for workers in all forms of employment from the person collecting rubbish to city or town halls.

As we walk through stores and ask for assistance to find items (as I do a great deal) a person you ask deserves that "expression of thanks" not assuming it was their responsibility. Yes, on Labor Day and all days, let's think of the workers in this country and across the world that keep the world functioning. Saying thanks and a word of praise goes a long, long way.

Students return sets a pattern

I used to love to make it a point to reach all, if not all, then most schools in my district as Superintendent, as is the case for most superintendents. I feel that it is good mental health for you to get out of the office and see how the work of your summer with administrators and teachers is functioning in the real world as they say.

The smiles on the students' faces, and most parents', can make your day as photos are taken as students enter the school. If parents or grandparents

are there and some tears are also shed for those beginning school. Sometimes the tears come from the parents as they see a new chapter in their life.

After I would leave one school for another, your mind rests a bit easier which increases as you end the last school to visit and you enter a new phase of the thought process. We are well aware, as school administrators, of the world today, and while you have all of the students under the tender care of competent administrators and staff, you need to reflect on issues that are year round concerns such as school safety and other factors that become so significant every day you awake.

May I express my best to all staff and students of all schools in the *Town Crier* area as a new chapter opens in your lives.

Local notes

Labor Day saw a packed Winchester's Border Road recreation area, as well as the scene at Woburn's Horn Pond. Cars filled the parkway stops in Winchester as for many taking to the "Fells" was the place to be as it is on many weekends. What better way to spend the day off then taking a good walk in the woods.

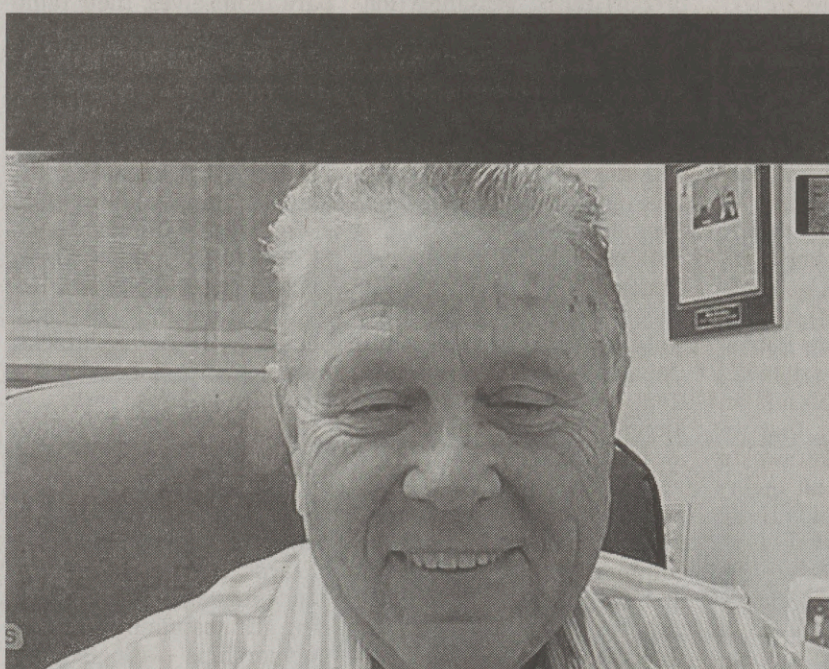
The CVS-Walgreens pharmacy real estate issue is shaping up to be an interesting development in

downtown Woburn. While it looks like a plan that has considerable impact, my concern is that one of the finest pharmacy facilities in the community right in "Central Square" with some fabulous employees could be impacted.

The Central Square store has been there now as an accessible Walgreens facility and before that as Wells Drug. While I understand progress needs to move ahead, I regret any impact that has on a great pharmacy right in the center of the City.

JUST A NOTE: Thanks so much for your comments on last week's column and e-mails to andrews@massupt.org.

Some Morning Pulse extractions I thought you would be interested in seeing include the following: Andrew Luck retirement draws attention to football health risks; Judges rule that public has right to NYPD pension info; State Auditor in Kentucky says pensions are not transparent; US-China trade war is ruining Christmas for toy-makers; Data breach hits some school districts; Americans have \$1.5 trillion in student loans. Is it worth it? Prepare yourself for the golden years with annuity policies; Armed forces caught in pension tax trap and UK universities brace for strike action in pensions dispute.



California



WCTV

▲ Author/lawyer Ben Berkley and childhood classmate Eileen MacDougall

(Courtesy photo)

Scared to say 'I do' again?

Don't miss the September Book Stew episode, hosted by Eileen MacDougall, featuring Ben Berkley, a lawyer-author who's got plenty of good advice for the second time around. Ben's also written non-fiction books about being an executor and fighting the social security disability system. His most recent novel is a courtroom drama focusing on The Seven Deadly Sins!

Please check out the new

Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. To watch online, use this link to watch the latest episode:

<https://wilmington.vod.cas-tus.tv/vod/?video=a2244961-5ce5-4188-8b51-ad191d474b48>

Copy and paste this link to hear the podcast in Soundcloud:

<https://soundcloud.com/wctv-podcasting/book-stew-ep-72>

Butler, Whinery named to Dean's List at Western NE

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates over 300 students named to the Spring 2019 President's List. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of

3.80 or higher.

• Catherine Butler of Tewksbury working toward a BS in Neuroscience.

• Brian Whinery of Tewksbury working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics Concentration.

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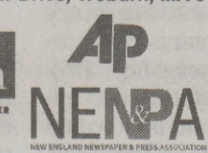
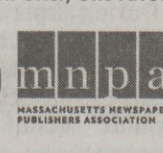
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OBITUARIES

Tammy Ann Ford

Worked for Purity Supreme in bakery

Tammy Ann Ford, age 51, of Puyallup, Washington, formerly of Wilmington, died unexpectedly on Friday, July 12.

Daughter of late father, Dennis Ford of North Waterboro, Maine. Survived by mother, Evelyn Ford of North Waterboro, Maine and sisters Cheryl Reed and her husband Michael Reed of Wilmington, Stacey Ford of Old Orchard, Maine and Amanda Ford of Limerick, Maine.

Devoted mother of Amber Smith and husband Chad, Jillian Hoyt and husband Chris, Ash Rivard and husband Allan, Thomas Joseph "T.J." Landry, Rayne Harte and husband Andrew and Fini Landry.

Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Tammy graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in 1985, Culinary Arts.

She worked for Purity Supreme in the bakery for several years before moving to Maine. She moved from Maine to Washington State in 1992.

She enjoyed all sports, but was most passionate about hockey. She loved attending the Seattle Thunderbirds games with her son T.J.

Tammy home schooled her children, volunteered at the local library and loved creating new recipes with her daughter Ash for her grandson.

Tammy worked at the local Pizza Commissary in Sumner, WA making dough for local pizza shops.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life

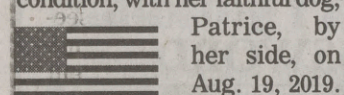


in a memorial service at St. Thomas of Villanova Church at 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. After the service their will be a gathering at the Billerica Elks, 14 Webb Brook Road, Billerica from 1-5. All are welcome

Patricia Ann 'Patti' Griffin

Joined the US Navy as an instructor

Patricia Ann "Patti" Griffin of Clearwater, FL died suddenly, of an undiagnosed heart condition, with her faithful dog,



Patrice, by her side, on Aug. 19, 2019. The daughter of Frank and Barbara Griffin (deceased), she was 66 years old. Born and raised in Wilmington, Patti attended Wilmington Public Schools. She then graduated with a BA from Plymouth University and earned a Masters Degree in Education from Golden Gate University.

Joining the US Navy in 1983 she became an instructor and was honorably dis-

charged in 1987.

Patti spent the remainder of her professional career dedicated to her beloved students in Bremerton, WA (1989-99), Port Orchard, WA (1999-2005), and Clearwater, FL (2005-17), where she moved in order to be closer to her father.

A gifted teacher, she received many accolades, both public and private throughout her 28 years in the classroom. She spoke often and lovingly about "her kids."

Always a talented athlete, Patti took up golf upon retirement and played at every opportunity with her many friends. She was also an avid animal advocate, photogra-

pher and was relearning to play the guitar.

Patti will be sadly missed by her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Jack Flynn of Newport, RI, her three nephews, Griffin and wife, Lauren, Sean and wife, Marjorie, and Jake Flynn, her four great nieces and nephews and her aunts, uncle, and cousins and her many friends and neighbors.

She will be remembered for her profound kindness and sage advice.

A gravesite memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Wildwood Cemetery on Wildwood Street in Wilmington.

Lucille C. (Enos) Gilson

Worked as a clerk at CVS in Wilmington

Lucille C. (Enos) Gilson, age 77, of Chelmsford, formerly of Wilmington, passed away on Aug. 30, 2019.

Lucille was born on April 25, 1942 in Boston, MA; she was the cherished daughter of the late John and Mary (Broderick) Enos. Lucille was raised in Charlestown and graduated from St. Mary's high school.

Lucille married her husband, Albert G. Gilson in 1965; they lived in Somerville for a short time before settling in Wilmington in 1967.

Lucille was a loving mother to three boys; Phil, Steve, and Tom. She loved to spend time with her family and was especially delighted when she became "Nana" to Ashlyn Gianna, Nicholas and Isabelle. Lucille and Albert shared many wonderful memories before his passing in 2016.

Lucille worked as a clerk at CVS in Wilmington for many years; she loved her job and enjoyed her customers.

In her spare time, Lucille loved to spend time in her

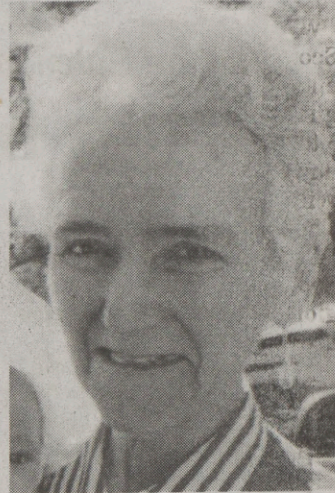
garden. She also enjoyed cooking, baking and sewing. Lucille had a love for all animals and enjoyed babysitting for her family's animals when they were away.

Lucille was a loving and gentle mother and grandmother. She was devoted to her family and will be missed dearly.

Lucille was the beloved wife of the late Albert G. Gilson, devoted mother of Phillip Gilson & his wife Heidi of Tyngsborough, Stephen Gilson & his wife Chansamone of Hudson, NH, and Thomas Gilson of Lowell, loving "Nana" of Ashlyn, Gianna, Nicholas and Isabelle, cherished daughter of the late John and Mary (Broderick) Enos, dear sister of Carolyn Deal of Stoneham, the late John Enos and Cynthia Gallarelli, sister-in-law of Al Gallarelli of Wilmington.

Lucille is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave.



(Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Lucille's name may be made to Beacon Hospice, 290 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Wilmington Police host R.A.D. refresher course

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Police Department announced today that a R.A.D. Refresher Course has been scheduled for interested women who have successfully completed this popular program.

R.A.D. is a women's self-defense program that is comprised of easy-to-learn, effective physical defense techniques. The refresher class is a one evening class that will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9,

2019 from 5 - 9 pm.

Any woman interested in signing up for this one night class can sign up on our website at <https://wpd.org/resources/rad>.



◀ Pictured from left: Lisa Eagan, Executive Director of Reading/North Reading Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Vallee, Executive Director of Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, Megan Day, Executive Director of Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, Brett Riley, VP of Marketing & Communications for NuPath, and Chris Kiesel, Executive Director of Woburn Business Association.

(Courtesy photo)

Local chambers network with a purpose

WOBURN — Networking with a purpose! The Woburn Business Association, Reading/North Reading Chamber, Wilmington/Tewksbury and Stoneham Chambers recently gathered at Boston Appliance for a Young Professionals networking event. Host and President Christian Jason graciously entertained over 70 guests in their impressive showroom with a Food Network chef, net-

working Bingo and amazing raffle prizes.

In addition to enjoying a great night of networking, attendees also supported a great cause. NuPath is a Woburn based non-profit human services agency that helps adults with disabilities lead fulfilling lives in their communities. One of the services that NuPath provides is job training and support. Boston Appliance as well

as many other businesses in the area have hired through NuPath and found engaged and enthusiastic employees.

Attendees donated \$400 to support the important work of NuPath.

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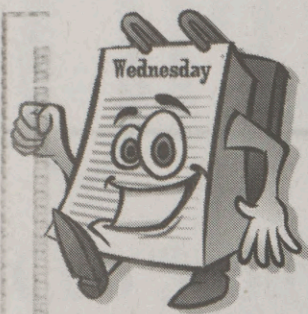
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Wilmington Calendar:

Ultimate frisbee for boys and girls this fall

Harold Parker Annual Fishing Festival
Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sudden Pond, 18 Middleton Road in North Andover

Come on over to the Harold Parker State Forest for a fun filled day of fishing on beautiful Sudden Pond. No experience is necessary as experts from MassWildlife will be on hand to help you catch the big one! All fishing equipment is provided, parking is free, and no license is required. An adult must accompany children. For more information, call Alex at 978-475-7972 or visit the MA DCR website. It is recommended that you bring water, insect repellent, and sunscreen. All ages are welcome and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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ver Community Chorus on Facebook or visit IpswichRiverChorus.org.

Wilmington High School Class of 1969 50th Reunion
Saturday, Sept. 14 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 126 Middlesex Avenue
The cost is \$20 per person and includes pizza, salad, dessert, a cash bar, and more. There will be casual dress and lots of good conversation! See the class of '69 on Facebook at Wilmington High School Class of '69, or on Classmates.com. You can also forward any questions or comments to the class email account: WHSClass69@gmail.com.

Girls Free

Ultimate Frisbee Clinic
Sunday, Sept. 15 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Diamond Middle School, 99 Hancock Street in Lexington
Registration is free, but please register so that the clinic can allocate coaches appropriately. All girls are welcome from all towns, all ages, and all levels of experience, including never touched a disc! The clinic will break the girls up into many groups, each with coaches, so that they can make it a fun learning day for every girl. There will be two rounds of games, one where they keep the girls in their "experience" groups, and then another round where they mix the girls all together. For newer girls, this last round can be really helpful as the more experienced girls show them the way. For the more experienced girls, that first round will be very fun and competitive. For more information or to register, email Youth@buda.org.

10th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic
Friday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 a.m.
Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen

The Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons of Italy of Wilmington and the Italian Heritage Month Committee are proud to announce the 10th annual Italian Heritage

Golf Classic in celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month. The committee invites you to participate in a great day of golf, food and fun. As in the past, 100% of the proceeds from the golf classic will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. Over the last nine years, the tournament has raised \$40,000! The entry fee per golfer is \$125, which includes greens fee, golf cart, a player gift, continental breakfast, Italian sausage sub at the turn and a luncheon buffet. Golfers may register individually or in teams of four; individual golfers will be placed on a team. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. There will be contests on the course, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle table at the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon only, at \$35 per person. The tournament is a shotgun start and a scramble format. On the day of the tournament, registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8:30 a.m. If you are not a golfer and would like to support their charitable golf tournament, sponsorships are available. You may sponsor a hole for \$100 or a golf cart for \$50 or provide a gift certificate that will enhance the raffle table. For further information on participating in the tournament, sponsorships, or donating a gift to the raffle, please call Tournament Chairman Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

Wilmington's 15th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m.
WCTV Studio, 10 Waltham Street

Wilmington's 15th annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk presented by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce will be held once again at the WCTV studio lot. Be sure to register early for this popular race that has become a tradition for so many. Proceeds from the race allow the Chamber of Commerce to continue their work with the

local business community and also award scholarships each year to graduating seniors. The event features a professional timed race, USATF certified courses, music, a food tent, awards and medals, drawstring race swag bags, sponsor booths, raffles, giveaways, and more, a low cost and high value event! Visit wilmingtontewksburychamber.org/race for more information or call the Chamber office at 978-657-7211.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage

Mondays through March 2020 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Avenue
The Wilmington Knights of Columbus is hosting Cribbage games every Monday night through the end of March 2020. The games are open to the general public (over 21) and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and generally finish up around 9:00 pm. All skill levels are welcome. There is a small entrance fee and cash prizes are awarded every week. The club has wide screen TVs so that you can keep track of your favorite teams. A cash bar is available for those who would like refreshment. The building is located behind St. Thomas church and can be reached by the small access road behind the church parking lot. Access to the building is through the entrance at the rear of the parking lot. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985. If he does not answer the phone, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

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Tewksbury Calendar:

Wash your car and support the boys, girls soccer teams

Soccer Car Wash
Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tewksbury Girls and Boys Soccer Boosters will be holding their annual car wash at MVP on Saturday, Sept. 7. Stop by to get your car washed and help support youth sports.

Public Health Museum Tour
Tewksbury State Hospital, 365 East Street

Tewksbury Hospital opened its doors on May 1, 1854 as the State Almshouse. Led by a knowledgeable volunteer guide, the Public Health Museum invites you on this 90-minute walking tour to explore life in days past, the history of a vibrant community, its architecture, the lives of its patients and staff, and its connection to public health. For the 2019 Season, Saturday tours begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday tours begin at 6 p.m. Saturday tour dates are Sept. 7 and Oct. 5. Wednesday tour dates are Sept. 18. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check). Reservations are required. Special tours for large groups (8+) can be arranged. To make a reservation, please call 978-851-7321 ext. 2606 or

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The Friends will hold a Giant Yard Sale
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Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street
Table space is available to seniors and the general public at \$20 per table or 2 tables for \$35. One may reserve a table by dropping by the Senior Center to see Kay any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. There will be over 30 treasure tables, a yummy bake table and luncheon specials prepared by their chef, Nick, and his kitchen crew. It should be noted that the Senior Center is air-conditioned. This event is held rain or shine. Admission is free. Proceeds from this event will benefit the purchase of Zingo equipment. All are welcome.

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Honoring Paul Chalifour

Paul Chalifour was appointed to the WPD Aug. 16, 1986. He was the original member of the Tactical Police Force. He was a sniper for that team. He was also a member of the Traffic Team and head of the Honor Guard. Paul was also the first Community Liaison Officer for the Town of Wilmington. In 1998, Paul authored a book entitled "Images of America: Wilmington" with over 200 images and stories about the town. Paul had a special passion for working with seniors and veterans. The Wilmington Police thank Paul for his dedication and professionalism. He will be missed by everyone at the Wilmington PD and the residents of the town, too. Thank you, Paul Chalifour, for your service. Pictured, folding the flag is Officer Michael Johnson, Officer Rafael Cruz (also folding flag), Officer Paul Chalifour at attention with Chief Joseph Desmond, on the right is the Wilmington Police Department Honor Guard with Officer Butch Alpers at attention. (photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)

Wings of Freedom Tour of WWII vintage Boeing

BEVERLY — Participating in the Collings Foundation's WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR, the B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine," B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft," B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo" bombers, P-51 Mustang "Toulouse Nuts" and P-40 Warhawk "Jaws" fighters, will fly into Beverly Regional Airport for a visit from Sept. 13 to 15.

This is a rare opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history. The B-17 is one of only nine in flying condition in the United States. The B-24J is the sole remaining example of its type flying in the world. The B-25 is best known for being used in the daring Doolittle raid. The P-51 Mustang was awarded the prestigious Grand Champion award for restoration.

New to the tour is the legendary P-40 Warhawk best known for being part of the Flying Tigers.

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Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person. B-25 flights are \$400 per person. Get some "stick time" some of the world's greatest fighters! P-40 Warhawk flight training is \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. P-51 flight training is \$2,400 for a half hour and \$3,400 for a full hour.

For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924 or visit www.cfdn.org.

The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR will be on display at the Beverly Regional Airport, located at the east ramp, L.P. Henderson Way.

The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR will arrive at the Beverly Airport at 2 p.m. on Sept. 13 and will be on display until the aircraft departs after operations on Sept. 16. Hours of ground tours and display are: 2 p.m. through 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13; 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14

and Sunday, Sept. 15. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times above.

The Collings Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational foundation devoted to organizing "living history" events that allows people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation. The Nationwide WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR is celebrating its 30th year and visits an average of 110 cities in over 35 states annually. Since its start, tens of millions of people have seen the B-17, B-24, B-25, P-40 & P-51 display at locations everywhere. The WINGS OF FREEDOM tour is one of the most extraordinary and unique interactive traveling historical displays of its kind.

The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR travels the nation as a flying tribute to the flight crews who flew them, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the soldiers, sailors and airmen they helped protect; and the citizens and families that share the freedom that they helped preserve.

The B-17, B-25 & B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission. Despite the risks of anti-aircraft fire, attacking enemy fighters, and the harrowing environment of sub-zero temperatures, many B-17s and B-24s safely brought their crews home.

The P-51 Mustang was affectionately known as the bombers "Little Friend" — saving countless crews from attacking axis fighters. After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared.

The rarity of the B-17, B-25, B-24, P-40 & P-51 — and their importance to telling the story of WWII is why the Collings Foundation continues to fly and display the aircraft nationwide. At each location we encourage local veterans and their families to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public.

For aviation enthusiasts,

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Tewksbury Police Log

Woburn man charged with drug possession

Monday, August 26

1:21 a.m. - Caller reported an odor of gas inside her house at East Street. Police and fire engine sent. There were no gas readings; it was an odor of a skunk.

5:09 p.m. - Items were missing from the caller's driveway at Shawsheen Street. Officer spoke with the caller and filed a report.

6:03 p.m. - An erratic operator drove with multiple children not buckled in the back seat around Andover Street. Police sent but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

8:13 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks from Rolling Meadow Road. Officer spoke with the male with fireworks who would cease for the night.

Tuesday, August 27

1:55 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street for defective equipment. Daron Colton, 39, of 820 Bridge St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation

motor vehicle with license suspended and motor vehicle lights violation.

9:28 a.m. - The caller's construction crew was working on a unit yesterday when a male party came out of the woods and threatened that everything they were doing today he would destroy at Yorkshire Drive. Police sent to speak to the caller. Officer filed a report.

7:06 p.m. - A suspicious party in a black hoodie had been sitting on a bench at Jill's Way for the past half an hour. Police sent. The party was riding his bike in the area and would be on his way after he finishes his apple.

10:52 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he was assaulted by a black man while in his car waiting for his food at McDonald's north. Police sent. There was no answer at the caller's residence and the business was closed for the night. They spoke with the employees who reported that the caller had an altercation with a male party who stayed in one of the area hotels; the caller was

the aggressor. Officer filed a report.

Wednesday, August 28

3:29 a.m. - Police out at Main Street with a U-Haul truck with the lights on. It appeared to be an oversight.

6:35 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious party taking pictures at Cardigan Road and Kendall Road. Police sent. The male party was taking photos of a hawk.

12:54 p.m. - A grey sedan, black operator was in an argument with a white female at Pleasant Street. Vehicle stopped, female exited, male drove off with door open. Made it all the way to the high school when he turned around. Female was last seen walking down Pleasant Street headed towards Main Street. Officer sent but the female was gone on arrival.

3:10 p.m. - The employee of Walmart had a shoplifter in the office. Jennifer Ducet, 42, of 69 Quail Run in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with

larceny under \$1,200.

Thursday, August 29

5:52 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Whipple Road heading towards Lowell. Police sent and Lowell Police Department notified.

5:36 p.m. - Police with a motor vehicle at Main Street and Old Boston Road. Richard Valentin, 31, of 74 Fowle St. in Woburn, was arrested and charged with possess class B drugs and operate motor vehicle with license suspended.

6:13 p.m. - Drug unit at Old Boston Road on a follow up. Eric Griffin, 39, of 2012 Archstone Ave. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with distribute class B drugs.

7:26 p.m. - The caller's neighbor called letting the caller know someone was walking around the caller's property during the night while he was away at Walnut Road. Police sent and filed a report.

Friday, August 30

12:45 p.m. - Loss Prevention reported a party shoplifting items through the self check out at Walmart. Police sent. Humberto Iguina, 46, of 30 Railroad St. in Andover, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

1:43 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Andy's Variety on Woburn Street. Luis Luna, 28, of 179 Ludlam St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with distribution class D drugs.

5:50 p.m. - Loss prevention reported a white female wearing black shirt, black pants who ran from the store with a bag of items throwing the bag as she ran at Walmart. Police sent. Shannon Metcalfe, 29, of 7 Hardin St. in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

9:29 p.m. - Caller reported a male party yelled on his phone at Main Street and Shawsheen Street. Police sent and gone on arrival.

Saturday, August 31

3:26 a.m. - Multiple calls reported sounds of gun shots at Foster Road. Police sent. The police spoke to one of the callers and stated it was possibly fireworks.

11:35 a.m. - A suspicious male party at Donna Donuts. Vehicle headed north bound on Route 38. Police sent. Officer checked the area but gone on arrival.

8:58 p.m. - Somebody lighting off fireworks at Whipple Road. Police sent. The party was spoken to.

Sunday, September 1

12:58 a.m. - James Whalen, 52, of 13 Saunders Circle in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on police officer, resist arrest, and two counts of false/silent 911 call.

4:44 a.m. - The caller's ex-boyfriend took her vehicle at Motel 6. Vehicle was brought back and the operator was arrested. Jose Fantauzzi, 39, of 6 Diamond St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with larceny of motor vehicle, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, assault and battery on family/household member, kidnapping, and possession class B drugs.

11:44 a.m. - Walmart reported a potential shoplifter. Scott Alley, 45, of 4 Sheridan Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.



Wilmington Police Log

TT truck does significant property damage

Monday, August 26:

4:31 a.m.: A TT truck struck a rock wall, ripped a fire hydrant out of the ground, toppled a road sign, and did other significant property damage on Westdale Avenue. Police managed to move a boulder out of the road and back into place; the Department of Public Works and Water Department were contacted for the other damage. The truck reportedly had a blue cab with three letters on its front and a white trailer. It also would have had significant driver's side damage.

8:54 a.m.: A minor collision involving a small school bus and a Honda CR-V occurred

at the intersection of Route 62 and Ramp 40. No students were on the bus at the time.

3:46 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Saturn Outlook and a Honda CR-C occurred at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Middlesex Avenue. One of the vehicles deployed its side airbags in the incident.

4:59 p.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle transported one patient for treatment after a collision on Aldrich Road involving a Hyundai Sonata and a Dodge Caravan.

5:06 p.m.: A Honda Accord had to be towed after it got stuck on a rock on Lowell

Street. The vehicle was damaged, but there was no property damage.

5:32 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Middlesex Avenue involving a Ford F-350 and a Ford Escape. No one was injured in the collision.

6:55 p.m.: Dustin Cole, 33, of 4 Rollins Road was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, driving without his license, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and assault with a dangerous weapon. Cole fled the scene of an accident on Main Street in his vehicle as two of his passengers fled on foot.

Tuesday, August 27:

8:52 a.m.: A Honda Odyssey struck an unoccupied school bus parked on Main Street, doing minor damage.

3:06 p.m.: Animal Control took three orphaned bunnies from Dadant Drive to a Chelmsford facility.

Wednesday, August 28:

6:32 a.m.: Susan Reagan, 50, of 956 Salem Road in Dracut was arrested for driving after her license was revoked for operating under the influence of alcohol.

9:03 a.m.: A car carrier from Big Dog Automotive caught a

large rock and dragged it through the parking lot at Champion's Choice on Main Street. Employees from the store informed the driver that the rock damaged the parking lot, but the driver left the scene without completing an information exchange. Police found the truck in Woburn and had the driver return to make restitution.

12:21 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Camry and a Kia Sorento occurred behind Webber Terrace on Main Street. No one was injured.

Thursday, August 29:

1:26 a.m.: Jarred Bradley, 21, of 61 Peach Orchard Road in Burlington was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. His \$40 bail was paid that day.

7:29 a.m.: A Nissan Rogue and a Chevrolet Silverado were in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Main Street and Richmond Street. No one was injured.

8:41 a.m.: Animal Control took an injured rabbit from Avalon Drive.

9:10 a.m.: While bringing the injured rabbit to Tufts, they retrieved an injured hummingbird from Marion Street to bring to Tufts as well.

3:19 p.m.: A Nissan Pathfinder was in a minor collision at the intersection of Norfolk Avenue and Nassau Avenue with a vehicle that left the scene. The other vehicle was described as a blue Honda Civic with front end damage driven by a hispanic man with dark hair.

4:19 p.m.: A Subaru Legacy sustained minor damage to its front left quarter panel while parked at Market Basket. The other vehicle, described by a

witness as a red sedan, left the scene without leaving any information.

Friday, August 30:

12:29 p.m.: A Lincoln Continental hit a mailbox on Burlington Avenue. No one was injured.

12:33 p.m.: A Toyota Corolla left the scene after scratching the bumper of a GMC Acadia at a red light on Main Street. Police managed to find the Corolla and facilitate an information exchange between the drivers.

3:23 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred in a parking lot on Main Street involving an Acura MDX and a Chevrolet Traverse.

Saturday, August 31:

11:27 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Chevrolet Equinox and a Dodge Ram 1500

7:13 p.m.: Everett Bixby III, 50, of 45 Tremont St. in Woburn was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The motorist who called the police had been following the erratic driver as he swerved over the yellow lines since Woburn.

Sunday, September 1:

1:45 p.m.: A caller reported an old internet cable down across the road by the corner of Forest Street and Clinton Street. Police tied the wire and notified Verizon.

9:27 p.m.: A motorcyclist was injured in a collision between his Honda CB 500X and a Subaru utility vehicle. A number of potted plants on the island at the intersection of Route 62 and Woburn Street were also damaged.

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Ogunquit, Maine perfect for a September day trip

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Summer tourists have returned to their daily grind at home, but early fall weather still features warm, sunny days, making September the perfect time for a New England seacoast day trip.

A short, one hour car drive north of us is Perkins Cove, located just outside of the center of Ogunquit, ME. Ogunquit was named by the local Algonquin Indian tribe, meaning "beautiful place by the sea," and Perkins Cove does not disappoint, offering the perfect seaside day trip.

This favorite spot of fishermen, artist, and summer tourist was originally named Fish Cove. Fishing was originally the major livelihood of the area, but within this area, fishermen's boats were unprotected from the wrath of strong Atlantic storms.

In an effort to protect their boats, local fishermen dug a channel, and with the help of erosion from Mother Nature, the tidewater basin of Fish Cove was born.

As to the name change of Fish Cove, in the 1800's a fisherman named Daniel Perkins and his wife owned a boarding house that overlooked the Cove. They called their boarding house the

"Cove House." Because their boarding house was so successful, a neighbor decided that they, too, would make their home a boarding house, and also called it the "Cove House."

Mrs. Perkins took offense to this, and changed the name of her boarding house to the "Perkins Cove House," and as they say, the rest is history. This beautiful Maine landmark is known today as Perkins Cove.

Besides being the home of Ogunquit's fishing industry, Perkins Cove's coastal village and scenic harbor became a favorite subject for artists and prompted the establishment of the Ogun-

quit Art Colony in 1889.

As you look out onto Perkins Cove, you can see the popular Marginal Way, a historic walking path with a view of the ocean and Perkins Cove. Also in view is a favorite of many artists, a manually operated, draw footbridge. From atop this footbridge you can capture magnificent views of Perkins Cove, making this one of the most photographed spots in Maine.

Nestled in the nooks and crannies of Perkins Cove are dozens of quaint gift shops and art galleries, as well as fine and casual dining. Among these you will find the famous Barnacle Bill's. This restaurant was fre-

quented by former U.S. President George Bush, as it is the only restaurant in Perkins Cove that can be accessed directly from the water by boat. Barnacle Billy's is also a favorite spot for former U.S. President Bill Clinton, as well as New England Patriot royalty, Tom Brady.

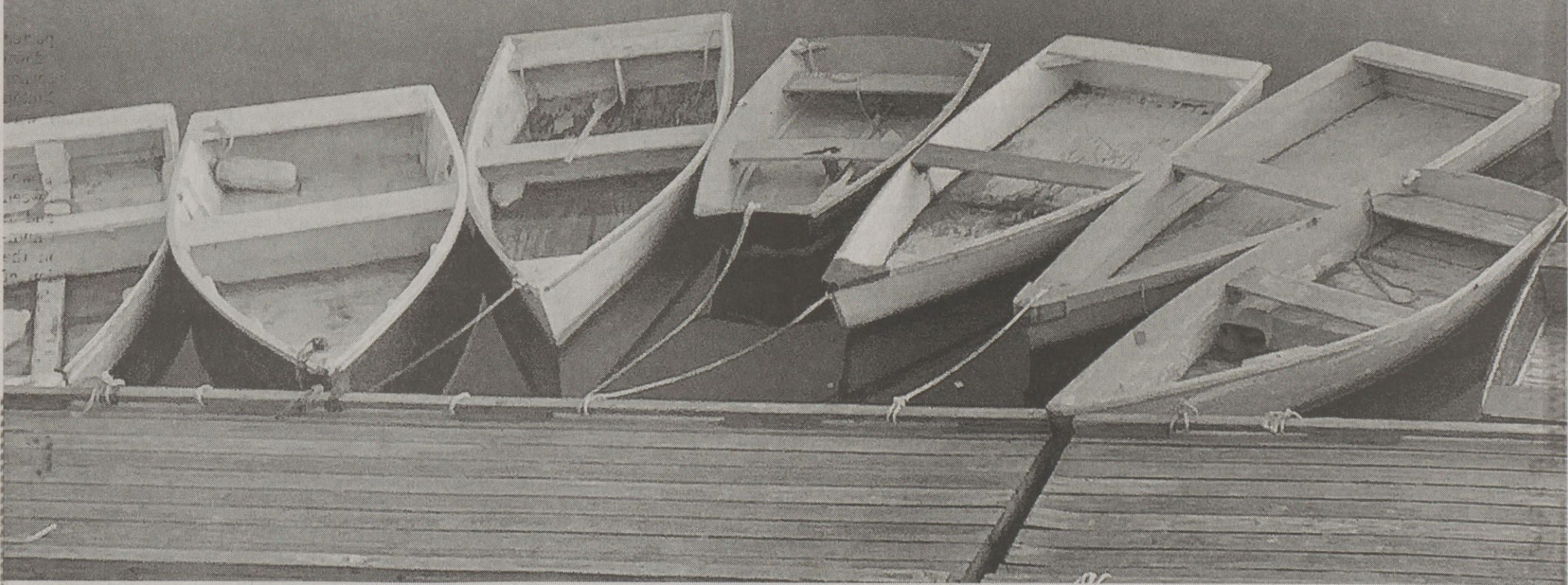
Perhaps you would prefer to catch your own dinner? Perkins Cove is still an active fishing port, and offers many charter boats for deep sea fishing, or haul in your own lobster traps, allowing you a real hands on experience.

If you prefer to keep your hands "fish free," there are also many boat excursions

you can take for sightseeing experiences only. Charters include whale watching, sailing tours, scenic lighthouse tours, and evening cocktail cruises.

There is also the Ogunquit Trolley Service available. The trolley runs daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Columbus Day. One way fares are \$2 per person, and stop at many sites including Perkins Cove and area beaches.

Don't miss out on the last of the beautiful weather, and enjoy all that Perkins Cove has to offer, without the crowds. For information on Ogunquit scenic cruises and fishing boat charters visit www.ogunquit.com.



To avoid spreading salmonella, don't wash chicken

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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The Centers for Disease Control just issued new warnings in August about food safety which extends to all consumers. An antibiotic resistant strain of salmonella has been found in the United States, suspected to originate from some domestic beef and from unpasteurized cheese from Mexico.

Salmonella is a food borne illness that can cause nausea, vomiting, chills and fever. The new strain, salmonella Newport appears to be resistant to multiple traditional antibiotic treatments, including azithromycin and ciprofloxacin.

The CDC is recommending that consumers be sure to look for the "made with pasteurized milk" label when purchasing any soft cheeses such as queso fresco. In addition, it is suggested to

cook any ground beef to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and cook any steaks or roasts to 145 degrees Fahrenheit letting them rest for at least three minutes before consuming, according to guidelines from the CDC.

The CDC also issued a recommendation to not wash poultry before preparation. The notice states that washing raw chicken actually spreads contamination to the sink and other preparation areas in the kitchen,

where, for example, raw fruits and vegetables may be rinsed.

The CDC cites a study from the US Department of Agriculture which showed that surfaces, even after being cleaned, still retained bacteria from the chicken. A video put out by the agency shows how rinsing chicken creates splashes that then could carry salmonella or other bacteria to other foods rinsed in the same sink, causing cross

contamination.

The prevailing wisdom is that bacteria on poultry which is cooked at the proper temperature will be killed and the food will be safe. When taking raw meat out to the grill, use a fresh plate for the cooked meat, and be sure to wash any tongs or grill tools that were used to place the raw meat on the grill and clean them before handling the cooked meat.

It has also long been rec-

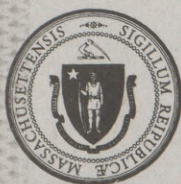
ommended to use different cutting boards for different items, such as raw poultry and vegetables so as not to cross-contaminate, and performing frequent handwashing with soap and warm water is also recommended during the food handling process.

As with all foods, safe handling is critically important to maintain a hygienic and bacteria free condition.

Source: USDA and CDC bulletins August, 2019.

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Debra A. LeFebvre of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/25/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 28, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Deborah E. Guttadauro of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Deborah E. Guttadauro of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/19/2019.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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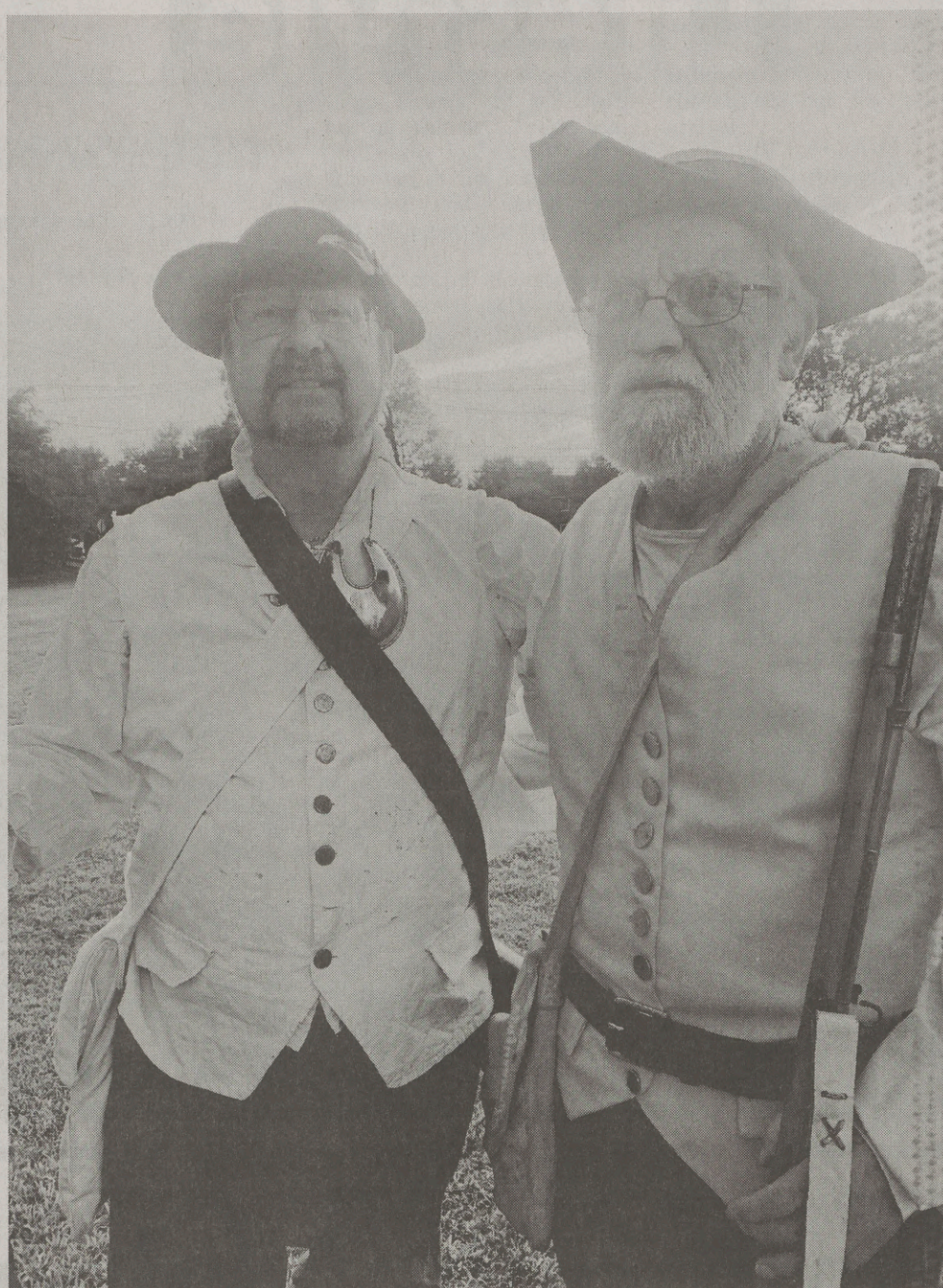
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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 22, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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Minutemen visit Moving Vietnam Wall in North Reading

Wilmington Captain Frank West and long time member and former Captain Mike Shine participated as invited guests of the North Reading Militia in The Wall That Heals — Moving Vietnam Wall in North Reading. Wilmington Minutemen meets the second Thursday of each month at Minutemen HQ located directly behind the historic Harnden Tavern. New members are always welcome — contact Captain West at 978-658-1754 or weststewilm@aol.com for details.

(Courtesy photo)

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Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Guardianship

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/09/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 14, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURTMiddlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a
MinorDocket No.
MI19P3304GDIn the interests of:
Serenity F. Falsini of
Tewksbury, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 06/27/2019 by Arthur Falsini of Tewksbury, MA will be held 09/20/2019 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge MA 02141.
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the

Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: June 27, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by David J. Plunkett, Esq. for a Use Special Permit for: Motor vehicle general repair; Indoor commercial recreation; Manufacturing; Warehouse; Contractor's yard; Retail sales; Motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, ATV, etc. rental and leasing; Sale of products at retail manufactured on the premises; and Steel fabrication as described in documents filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 120 Lumber Lane, Assessor's Map 103, Lot 102, zoned Heavy Industrial-1.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT
FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2019 at 7:05 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Brothers Homes LLC on behalf of Anthony and Linda Gallato for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

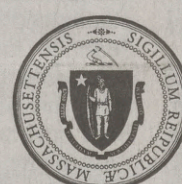
Said property is located at 11 Babicz Road, Assessor's Map 21, Lot 3, zoned Residential.

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Stephen Johnson,
Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURTMiddlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge,
MA 02141
(617) 768-5800INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICEDocket No.
MI19P4384EAEstate of:
John W. Reddig
Date of Death:
July 24, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John C. Reddig of Greenfield WI a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John C. Reddig of Greenfield WI has been

informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew N. Vokey and Tara Chapes-Vokey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Equity Partners LLC, dated November 12, 2015 and registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 284611 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 42561 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated October 27, 2017, and registered as Document No. 295203 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 42561 of which mortgage Ditech Financial LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Equity Partners LLC, its successors and assigns to Ditech Financial LLC dated October 19, 2018 registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of

the Land Court as Document No. 298930 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 42561, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 19 Concord Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on September 25, 2019, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Wilmington, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by Concord Street, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY again by land now or formerly of Boston & Maine Railroad, two hundred sixty-six and 75/100 (266.75) feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 11, three hundred sixty-six and 40/100 (366.40) feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 9 three hundred sixty-seven and 31/100 (367.31) feet.

All of said boundaries

are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on subdivision plan 27231-C drawn by Robert E. Anderson, Inc., Surveyors, dated October 4, 1977, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 22506, and said plan is shown as Lot ten (10) on said plan.

For Mortgagee's Title See Deed recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 284610 and Noted on Certificate of Title Number 42561.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Ditech Financial LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Vokey, Matthew N.,
18-033362
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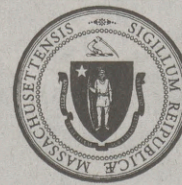
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Gregory A. Taylor and
Lynn Taylor

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Cabana Series III Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, number 71 Pike Street, given by Gregory A. Taylor and Lynn Taylor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a Federally Chartered Savings Bank, dated October 19, 2007, recorded or filed at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of

Deeds in Book 21690, Page 136, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement, dated March 21, 2013, recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 28030, Page 136, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before SEP 30 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on AUG 15 2019.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

191100 9/4/19

Goodbye, Officer Chalifour



WPD Officer Matthew Stavro presenting Officer Paul Chalifour with a parting gift as Chief Joseph Desmond looks on with a big smile.



▲ Officer Paul Chalifour giving Dawn Naimo (Police Clerk) a big hug with Julie Magaldi (Police Clerk), Deb Chalifour (wife), Town Manager Jeff Hull, Dianne Chalifour (sister) and Leon Chalifour (dad) looking on.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

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MICHAEL JOHNSON - READING, MA
KENNY THOMAS - WOBURN, MA**

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Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Date: Tuesday, September 10
Time: 10:00 am
Place: Energetiq Technology
205 Lowell St., Wilmington

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Date: Monday, September 16
Time: 6:00 pm (Open House 5 pm - 7 pm)
Place: Hatfield's Healing Hands & breathe 'n believe
5 Middlesex Ave. Unit 15A, Wilmington
Public invited to attend.

Speed Networking

Date: Thursday, September 12
Time: 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm
Place: Bayberry at Emerald Court, Tewksbury
Cost: \$10 Members, \$20 Guests

Wilmington's 15th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk

Date: Sunday, September 29
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Place: 10 Waltham St. (WCTV), Wilmington
REGISTRATION OPEN @
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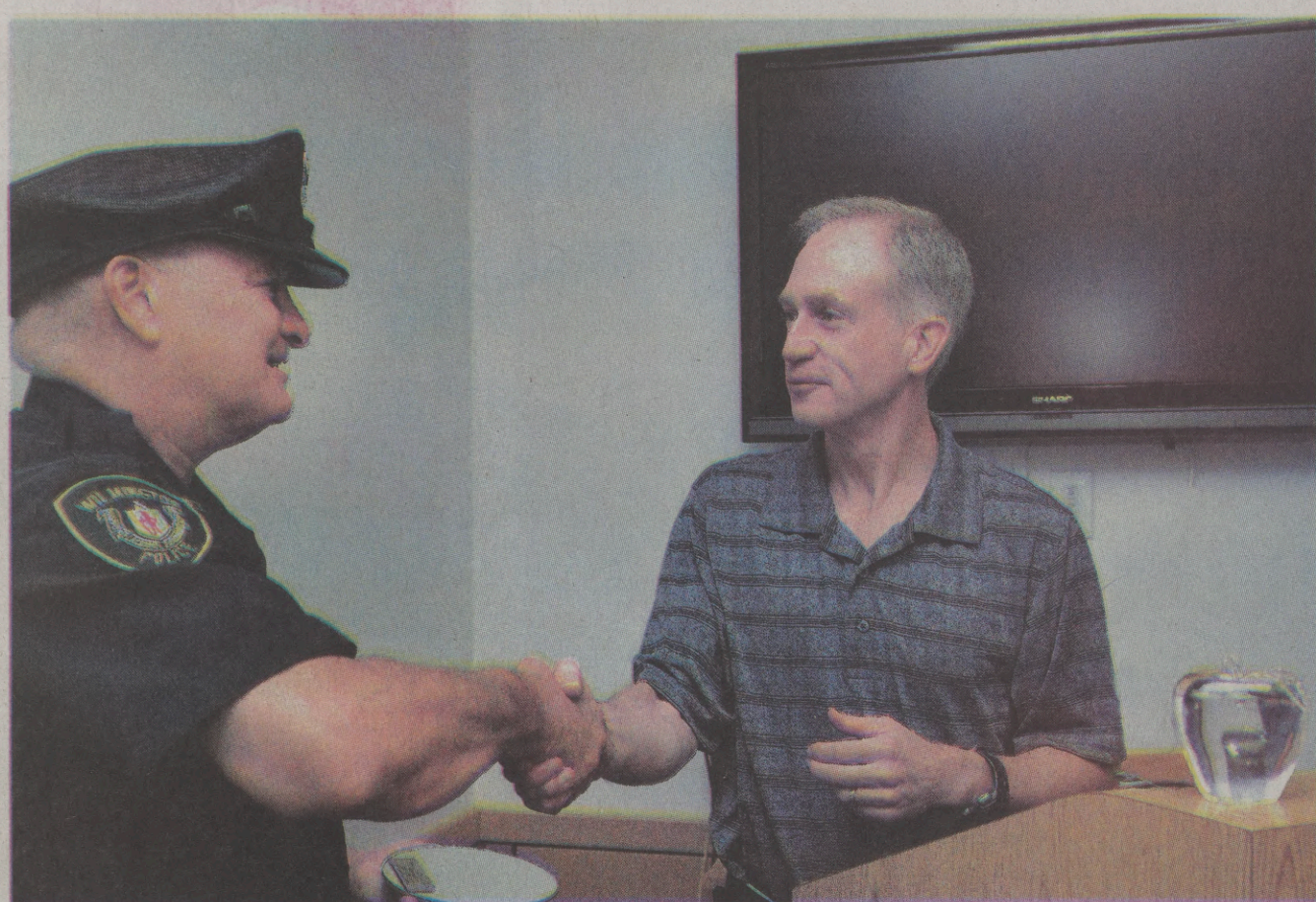
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Welcome back, kids!

Wilmington Police welcome students back to school at the Boutwell School on Tuesday.
(Courtesy photo)



Chalifour receives 'Baldwin Apple' from town

Wilmington Town Manager Jeff Hull presents Officer Paul Chalifour with a glass replica of the "Baldwin Apple," a town tradition. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

School Committee discusses possible new superintendent evaluations

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gic plan, and focuses on inclusion, diversity, and equity.

The three district improvement goals include working with town entities to study facilities conditions throughout the district and address issues where they exist, launching of a Superintendent's Advisory Committee comprised of stakeholders, and developing an annual report for the community that summarizes performance data and achievements throughout the district.

"We have an opportunity and a need to expand communication between stakeholder groups and community groups," said Brand.

The aligned indicator goals would remain in the four category format in which they were presented last year: instructional leadership, management and operations, family and community engagement, and professional culture.

Committee member MJ Byrnes stated that, though she was trying to visualize exactly what the annual re-

port would look like, she thought it would be a good tool for the community.

"I like it, and I would like you to find that rhythm with something like this," Byrnes said.

She suggested that such a report be released in the fall, before budget season.

Brand added that the community report would be similar in many ways to the town annual report. He suggested that data-related parts could likely be streamlined with a predetermined structure.

"The action piece is com-

ing up with a template that establishes a report that pulls together different data that can be refreshed on an annual basis," said Brand.

Committee member David Ragsdale suggested that if the new rubric is adopted, evaluation should focus on subjects on which the committee has reliable evidence, and that can therefore be properly evaluated. He added that this was an asset of the new proposed alignment.

"We're not flies on the wall in the day-to-day running of the office," Ragsdale said.

Over 50 years, WML continues to evolve

LIBRARY FROM PAGE 1

user-friendly. They've added multiple spaces for light recreational activity, including a lobby by the front entrance and a puzzle corner behind the quiet area.

Knowing that guests aren't walking in through the front door, they moved the main service desk over to the side so that they can greet people as they enter from the back of the library. They've let more light into the downstairs by putting in more windows and light fixtures while removing shelves that block the sun.

Across the library, there are more face-forward displays and librarian recommendations so that guests can browse some of the books offered without reaching into the shelf randomly.

Upstairs, they've brought updates to the children's and teen's areas. The walls have been repainted with brighter colors and there is now more room for the puppet theater and other interactive game play.

"The Friends of the Library raised money for a custom bookcase where kids get to put their collections," Stewart added.

Anyone interested in displaying a small figurine or similar collection can contact the library and be placed on the waiting list. There's also a shelf full of different learning kits for borrowing, labeled with topics like Electronics and Problem-Solving so that kids can learn things that

they might actually be interested in.

Finally, the teen section includes more casual reading space and more popular media like graphic novels and board games.

The library aims to keep its content up-to-date according to the things that people in town would actually use. The desktop computers are updated every few years. They now offer a digitized video service and have a new Virtual Reality kit on the way. The Technology Librarian can give guests an introduction of the 3-D printer available for use.

"We want to be a place where people come to learn about new tech," Stewart continued.

There's a new section called the Library of Things, which contains borrowable items like a tent, a telescope, an Amazon Echo, and a Roku.

Next to the Library of Things is a self-hold area. There, guests can pick up the books that they order on reserve and use self-check-out without stopping at the staffed desk. Other miscellaneous changes include a handicap-equipped bathroom and a program where guests donate food pantry items instead of paying fines for overdue books.

Stewart also shared that the feedback that they've received about all of the updates has been really positive. The staff at the Wilmington library view the makeover as a constant work-in-progress while they wait for a new building.



Herb Chambers



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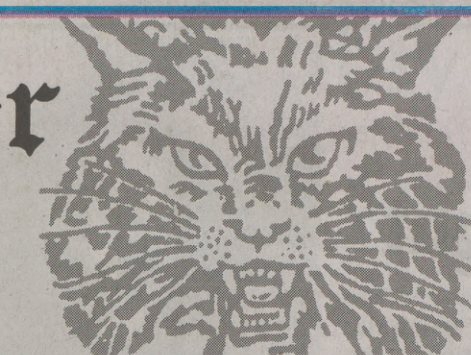
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WHS Football Season Preview

With tough season behind, Wildcats only looking ahead

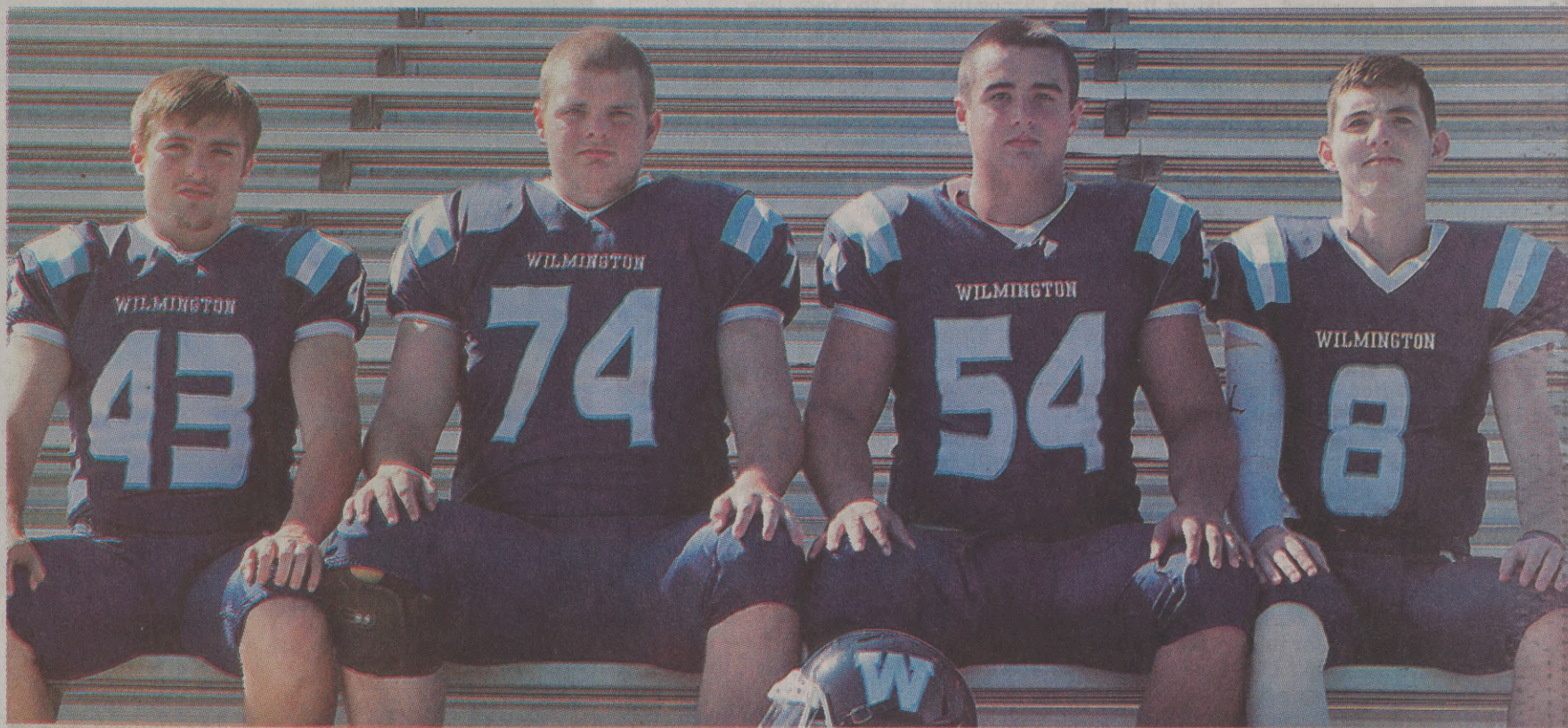
By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

jamiepote@hotmail.com

WILMINGTON - It's no secret that last year's Wilmington High School Football season was a struggle. After starting out 3-2, the injury bug took away almost all of the team's experienced players and in the end, the 'Cats finished 3-8, including losing the final six games and being outscored 223-62 during that run.

While the 'Cats took their lumps against the Division 6 Super Bowl Champs of Stoneham, the Division 3 Super Bowl Finalist in Tewksbury, as well as three other tournament teams (Winchester, Burlington and Melrose), that allowed some freshmen and sophomores a chance to get their feet wet, and get acclimated a bit to varsity level football.

Now a year later, and still extremely young and inexperienced in many of the key positions, third-year head coach Craig Turner believes the young nucleus on the 2019 roster will be more competitive this year, all the while giving the program a chance to build something special for the next few years.



The Captains of the 2019 WHS Varsity Football team includes from left, Bailey Smith, Pat McAndrew, Dean Nally, and Christian Robarge.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

"We are really young in the skilled positions but it's an explosive group," he said. "They are dynamic and they are going to be quite the group when they get older. I think they can do pretty well early on actually. We're going to be young and we're

going to be playing a lot of sophomores and a couple of freshmen, so we are very, very young."

While this year's team is loaded with ninth and tenth graders, there's several outstanding senior players to build the team around, most

notably two of the team's captains: Dean Nally, a two-way lineman, and Bailey Smith, who will now be the team's No. 1 running back and is easily the team's best defensive player as a line-backer.

Through several scrim-

mages against Salem, New Hampshire and Greater Lawrence and aside from an injury to freshman quarterback Joe McCauley, who could miss a month or so, Turner is hoping that the pieces start to fall in with the surrounding cast.

"It's a completely different vibe really," said Turner. "Nothing against last year's group, but this year's group just has a lot more energy and a lot more excitement. Practices are fun. I'm not

FOOTBALL PG SP10W



The 2019 WHS Boys Varsity Captains, including from left, Ryan Clarke, Aedan Vitale and Taylor Padulsky have a laugh together during photo day held last Thursday at the high school.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Wilmington soccer heading in a new direction

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WILMINGTON - For the Wilmington High School Boys Soccer team, it's been a tale of two halves over this decade.

In the first five years, the Wildcats combined for a record of 59-21-21 and made five state tournament appearances, losing three times in the sectional semifinals. Over the last four years, the team has struggled to a 19-39-14 record and have missed out on tourney play all four years.

In 2018, Wilmington competed in most games but had a hard time finding the back

of the net and finished with a 3-11-4 overall record. Gone from that team are 11 seniors and another player who switched sports.

This year's roster has some players with skill, but lack of overall experience, lack of numbers throughout the program and going up against seven teams that made the tournament a year ago are always concerns heading into any season. Despite all of that, Scanlon said there's potential to get back to winning more than just a few games.

"It's early and we always start the season cautiously optimistic," he said. "We have a depth problem across

the (entire) program compared to what we are playing against (in the Middlesex League). We have forty-eight kids out for three teams and it's a little bit up from a year ago only by about six kids, so you have the deck stacked against you against some of these teams.

"We do have enough skill to win us some games but we're going to have to do alot right (in order for that to happen)," he continued. "They are a positive group and the attitude has been good. The work ethic is good. Starting the season against the iron, no matter

BOYS SOCCER PG SP11W

Ryan Clarke is Mr. Versatility

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WILMINGTON - Back in the mid to late 1990s when Dick Scanlon was the head soccer coach, he would often take players and move them around on the field, depend-

ing on certain situations in games.

If he needed a goal, a talented defender with a big leg would be moved to striker or if he needed to secure a lead, he would take players and move them back or change his formation to

keep opposing teams from controlling the middle of the field.

This year, Dick's son, Steve, like many other soccer coaches have done things like that in the past,

CLARKE PG SP3W

Senior Captain and two-way lineman

Nally has powered his way through adversity

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WILMINGTON - When you try to tell the story about Wilmington High School senior football captain Dean Nally, it's nearly impossible to decide which direction to go into.

Do you start with the fact that as a student, he has battled from severe dyslexia

ever since he was little, can't read a menu at a restaurant, yet is interesting in colleges like WPI, RPI and possibly MIT?

Do you go with the fact that early in last year's Thanksgiving Day game against Tewksbury held in brutally cold temperatures - while the 'Cats were getting pummeled physically and on the scoreboard --

Nally suffered a broken collarbone, yet continued to pop it back in, just so he could go back and line up against the same team that his father and grandfather did during their hay-days?

Or do you go with the fact that this enormous kid, who stands at a whopping 6-0, 250 pounds, can bench press 370 pounds?

NALLY SP6W

'Cats to (sort of) play Billerica for first time since 1994

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WILMINGTON - Over the last few years, a handful of Wilmington High male and female varsity teams have elected to play a lot of their

non-league games against teams in lower divisions, whether to boost their chances for playoff appearances, or thinking to maybe get a win or two since the Middlesex League is such a grind, day in and day out.

Two years ago when Craig Turner was named the head football coach, he elected to play teams in lower divisions with Bedford and Shawshen Tech in non-league games to begin the

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WHS Volleyball Team Preview

Wildcats working to get better, hoping to end drought

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WILMINGTON - When it comes to qualifying for the tournament, the Wilmington High girls' volleyball team continues to knock on the door, but has been unable to go in.

The Wildcats appeared to be in good shape midway through last year's streaky season when they evened their record at 5-5 with five straight wins, and had the opportunity to close out the season with those same five opponents.

However, two of the teams Wilmington beat the first time around did not cooperate, and the Wildcats were eliminated before finishing with an 8-12 record.

The Wilmington Athletic Department has another favorable non-league schedule lined up for the Wildcats, and if they can win just two more matches than last year, they will end their 15-year tourney drought.

The Wildcats graduated three players, and a fourth player did not return for this year, but have made up for it with the addition of four new players.

"They look great," said Wilmington fourth-year coach, Bruce Shainwald, of the new Wildcats. "Every year these girls have been improving, year after year. We are passing real well, and we have good setters, and we have a good group of hitters."

What this year's Wilmington team lacks in depth, it makes up for in versatility. Many of the Wildcats can play three positions, and just may end up doing so in each game. It is part of a doing-whatever-it-takes type of attitude this year's squad has adopted.

"I would like to have a deeper bench because it is going to be a long season," said Shainwald. "These guys are going to be really scrappy, and having a deeper bench would help us. They

are going to compete hard in every match and scrap for every point."

Wilmington is led by senior co-captains; Raegan Sweeney, Savannah Andersen and Maeve Cadogan.

Sweeney returns as the Libero, a defensive specialist in the lineup, a position she switched to - from outside hitter - midway through last year. Sweeney, a second-year starter and third-year player.

"When she got used to it she became a better player," said Shainwald, of Sweeney. "I'm looking forward to having her there for a full season."

Cadogan is another three-year veteran outside hitter who will be focusing more on being a middle hitter for this fall.

Andersen is a third-year middle hitter who will be trading places with Cadogan more frequently, becoming more of an outside hitter, so the Wildcats can generate more offense.

"They (captains) have a great rapport with the team, and a great rapport with the sub-varsity teams as well," said Shainwald, who wants to emphasize Wilmington more as a program than just a varsity team. "They come in early and help out the other teams finish up their practices. They are a great group of girls who have put a lot of effort into getting us going."

Junior Khrystyna Fedynyak will be playing a more significant role this year as one of the outside hitters. One of the most complete players on the team, Fedynyak has a powerful swing Shainwald would like to utilize opposite Andersen or Cadogan.

Senior Julia Willson takes over as the new primary setter for Brittany Cimaglia, who graduated a Middlesex League Freedom All-Star. Opposite her will be sophomore Haeleigh Wilson.

"We'll have some good

passing," said Shainwald. "Serving will continue to be a strength for us, which will make us more competitive."

Freshman Madelyn McCarron had an impressive tryout, and she will be the other starting outside-hitter. Senior Anna Rideout will be a defensive specialist in the back line.

Juniors Jessie Ding and Naomi Layon add further depth to the squad. Layon will be a backup setter and Ding will be a backup outside hitter.

"We have a lot of flexibility with our players," said Shainwald.

"Maeve, Savannah and even Raegan can play lots of different positions, as can Julia, Khrystyna and Haeleigh. I got a lot of options there, but not a lot of depth behind them."

Shainwald is embracing the new challenges the Wildcats will face this season, and the team is working hard practicing at the middle school to make it happen.

"They have to play together, and they have to mesh," he said. "When they get to the point where they are not just playing with each other, but for each other, that's when I know we'll have success. That's when I know they will succeed because they won't want to let each other down."

Wilmington High is having its gym floor replaced so the Wildcats won't be hosting any home games until October.

Shainwald thinks a strength of this year's Wilmington team is its senior leadership of the captains and all the seniors on the roster.

The Wildcats open the regular season on Thursday (3:45 p.m.) at Belmont before hosting Somerville in a non-league game on Monday. Shainwald says there is a possibility the match with the Highlanders could be moved.



The captains on the 2019 WHS Varsity Volleyball team includes from left, Maeve Cadogan, Reagan Sweeney, and Savannah Anderson. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Captain Sweeney feels that 'this is the year' for Wilmington Volleyball

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WILMINGTON - The captains of the Wilmington High volleyball team have just missed making the tournament in each of the last two seasons. Raegan Sweeney, for one, has seen enough and hopes this year's squad - at long last - is the one that busts the postseason door down.

"I feel like we are looking better this year," said Sweeney. "We have more players at every position and everyone can play everywhere. I feel like we have a lot more options this year and I think we'll get far, even better than last year."

Sweeney and the other two captains, Maeve Cadogan and Savannah Andersen, fell

in love with the sport at the same time and have progressed together from eighth grade club players to senior co-captains for the Wildcats.

When she was in eighth grade, Sweeney used to go to her cousin's games when she played for Wakefield High. She and Andersen loved it so much, they joined the volleyball club, EVO, where they began their careers. Cadogan joined another club and the three have been developing their games ever since.

Sweeney started out as an outside hitter and stayed with that position right up into high school. Although Sweeney also learned how to play at setter, middle hitter and Libero, but when the games got underway, she was normally back at outside hitter.

That was until last year, when a back injury impaired her ability to play her favorite position. She made the switch to Libero midway through her junior year.

"Coach realized I was good at passing, so he made me a Libero along with my friend, Anna (Rideout), who was also a Libero," said Sweeney. "I got used to it and stuck with it, and now I'm a Libero."

Even though she has switch to a different position, Sweeney maintains that outside hitter mentality where you want to crush the ball, while keeping it inbounds, of course.

"She's very aggressive and sometimes I have to rein her in a little bit so she doesn't just blast away," said Wilmington coach Bruce Shainwald. "She's got a really powerful swing and possesses a no-quit attitude, which is terrific."

What Shainwald likes about Sweeney at the position is that she can both serve well and hit the third ball with authority.

Sweeney admits it has been a bit of an adjustment, as far as accurately hitting those third balls in a rally, but she is getting better at it with each week of practice.

"You can still hit from back row but it's a little tricky," she said. "When you are in the front row as an attacker, you can adjust to the net, which is next to you. When you hit back row, you are 20 feet from the net and it's a little tricky."

Now that she has played Libero for half a season, plus a year of working at it in the offseason, Sweeney has grown to love her new position.

"I like the chaos of playing in the back row," she said. "You are diving everywhere, and running everywhere,



Raegan Sweeney in action for the WHS Volleyball team during last year's season. (file photo).

and I like that way more. If someone messes up or misses the ball, you have to go get it, and I like the chaos that comes with that."

"You want a Libero, who can serve the ball, and hit that third ball really well," said Shainwald. "She can take that big, hard swing, and be able to hit that ball from the floor and really drive that ball home."

Becoming a senior captain is another role that she has been embracing.

"I love it," said Sweeney, on being a captain. "It's fun because you have more control and you're able to do things like plan team dinners, which we've had two or three already. It's nice."

Sweeney also likes how she and the other two captains are able to affect the direction of the team, making a positive difference.

"It changes the whole dynamic of the team, because we are always getting closer," she said, of all the players on the squad. "It just feels so different from last year and I like it."

Sweeney and the other captains have also helped team camaraderie through the program's Big Sister/Little Sister concept, which pairs older varsity players with younger players in the sub-varsity.

The winning attitude is all around, not it is time for Sweeney and the Wildcats to get the job done on the volleyball court.

This could be the year.

Help is on the way; Golf team should match up better

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WILMINGTON - Last season was one that the Wilmington High Golf team would in many ways like to forget. After all, the Wildcats struggled through a winless campaign, going 0-14 on the year with a largely inexperienced lineup, featuring several players new to the game of golf.

Things are looking a little different for the Wildcats as they head into this season. While nobody is necessarily predicting a state tournament berth for the Wildcats, but with a roster filled with several players who gained some valuable experience last season, as well as some talented newcomers, it certainly looks like there will be some visits to the win column this season.

"Last year we did not have a lot of kids show up for tryouts, so we only ended up with twelve kids on the team and a lot of them were beginners," Wilmington coach Steve Lynch said. "This year we had twenty kids show up for tryouts. We had to make some cuts and we cut some new kids as well as some of the kids from last year's team. That is hard to do, but we have to consider both winning now and winning in the future."

One of those players that Lynch is hoping will help with the win now mentality is senior captain Zach Kincaid. Kincaid was a standout for the Wildcats



WHS GOLF CAPTAIN, ZACH KINCAID

last year as a junior and Lynch is looking for even bigger things this season.

"Zach has been with us all four years and he has improved every year," Lynch said. "He has been patient the last two years and now he has the chance to take over as captain. He is clearly our number one player. It is not an easy spot in our league because there are so many great players at number one in our league, but we feel like he is up for it."

Lynch also feels like Kincaid will do a fine job in his role as team captain.

"Zach is a pretty quiet kid, just like Chris Stokes (last year's captain) was," Lynch said. "But the kids respect him. They know he is a talented kid and they respect the way he carries himself. He never yells at anybody or anything like that. He always keeps his cool.

Hopefully they see that and they want to be like that too."

Junior Sam Cedrone will fill the number two slot for the Wildcats, and much like Kincaid, Lynch feels like the best is yet to come for Cedrone.

"Sam played five or six matches for us last season, and he will probably in them all this season," Lynch said. "He looks like he really improved in the off season. He is a good athlete and that translates very well into his golf game. He can crush the ball."

Sophomore Rhiannon Dymont, the only female on the team, and freshman Owen Mitchell will also play significant roles for the Wildcats.

"Rhiannon started every match for us last season and she will be in every one this year as well. I am not sure exactly where she will play, but it will be in the top five," Lynch said. "Owen is one of our newcomers who has really stood out. He has a good swing and you can tell he has played a lot of golf. Again, I am not sure exactly where he will play, but he will be in the lineup."

Senior Pat McCarthy, juniors Colin Gates and Bryan Davey, sophomores Joseph Dynan and Jack Toomey and freshmen James Capeles, David Capeles and Patrick Stokes will round out the Wildcats roster, with each of them battling for playing time.

"The other kids need to

prove themselves and they are all working hard to try and get in the lineup," Lynch said. "The kids in the middle of the pack can be challenged at any time. They will need to step it up to earn a spot."

While there is certainly some talent throughout the Wildcats lineup, one of the biggest keys to a potentially successful season for the Wildcats will be whether or not the players can transfer their raw talent into consistent play on the golf course.

"It is match play in the Middlesex League so you are going against some very good schools and that can be intimidating," Lynch said. "But you have to overcome that. It is a pressure game, but you can't let it bring you down. The question is how do you handle nerves? How do you handle people watching you? I can't tell you that right now, but I hope they respond well to it."

With the team he has assembled this season, Lynch is confident that the Wildcats will see a marked improvement over last year's winless campaign.

"I am very enthusiastic about this year's team," Lynch said. "I feel like we picked the right 12 kids. We have a lot of promise this year and in the future. I don't know how many years I have coaching, but the team will be set up well. I think the program is in good shape."

Ryan Clarke is Mr. Versatility for Boys Soccer team

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but this year is planning on doing something similar on a more consistent bases with one of senior tri-captains, Ryan Clarke.

Last year as a junior, Clarke saw time in all three

zones as a striker, midfielder and a defender. As of last Thursday, Scanlon said he had an idea of changing the team's formation and into a 4-1-1 with Clarke as the one player who plays behind the

midfielders and in front of the defenders, but the coach also said that he could utilize Clarke again in any role, depending on game situations.

"Ryan is a great team play-

er," said Scanlon. "He plays anywhere you need him to play. He has done everything for us - defender, midfielder and striker. He has a real good work ethic and he's a real positive kid. He's just a

good solid athlete.

"You know that you are always getting one hundred percent from him everytime he plays so he's a good kid to have around. He's a good role model to have for the younger players."

Besides his versatility, Scanlon believes that Clarke brings a lot to the field each and every day.

"His physical toughness (is his strength)," said the coach. "He also has pretty good speed and he can control the ball well. He makes good decisions on the field. We had him at striker the other day - basically he can go anywhere, depending on what's going on."

Scanlon added that the 4-1-1 formation is just one of many different ideas he is thinking about. If it stays, Clarke was asked about his new position.

"I'm not really sure what the position is called, but it's behind the midfielders and in front of the defense, so it's kind of like a defensive holding position," said Clarke, who is also a member of the WHS Varsity Boys Hoop team. "I like it because the defenders who are behind me are always talking to me, telling me where to be and that stuff."

"It's a tricky position to figure out but I like it. I can see the field and the big picture, I can see the wingers. If they make the slashing runs, I feel like I can make some good passes over the top to the strikers. Kevin Polimeni is looking really good. In the summer league he scored a bunch of goals for us, so hopefully he will be a big scorer for us this year and same with Matt Pendenza. We are looking for those two guys to score a lot."

Last year the Wildcats struggled and won just three games and didn't score a lot of goals. The team lost eleven seniors to graduation and have a lot of new play-

ers on this year's roster. Clarke said with a little more time to work together as a unit, he believes the 'Cats can turn things around.

"I think the team looks pretty good," said Clarke, who has a younger sister Nicole, a seventh grader, who participates in gymnastics. "We just need to get some chemistry going and get the team to bond. We just need to give a max effort every game and if we do that, I think we can go out there and give team (we go up against) a battle."

"We lost eleven seniors from last year's team, but we still have the group of kids who were sophomores last year and now juniors and they are a great group (of players)."

Besides learning to play with one another, Clarke said that in order for the team to win, it has to do the obvious: score more goals than the other team.

"We really struggled to score last year. We didn't have a ton of goals at all unfortunately. We just need to shoot - shoot more. If one of us has a shot, we need to take it and no hesitations," he said.

Field Hockey team sticking to plan: compete and qualify

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WILMINGTON - Last year, the Wilmington High School Varsity Field Hockey team ended the season with a 9-9-1 record, which included qualifying for the state tournament for a program record tenth straight time.

In the first round of the Division 2 North playoffs, the Wildcats were defeated by a powerful Gloucester squad, 4-0, a game that saw goalie Johanna Robinson

played brilliantly from start to finish.

After the game was over, a total of 14 players from that 2018 team played their last game and have since all graduated. That leaves a total of seven returning players with varsity experience, while six players are up from the JV team and five more from the Freshmen team and those combined 18 players will comprise this year's team.

Among the returners include senior co-captains

Sophia D'Amico and Katie McConologue. A year ago, D'Amico saw time at both the midfield spot and defense, and McConologue mostly saw time on defense, but came through when she was asked to play goalie for a game after the starter was injured and the back-up, Robinson, was out sick.

The other returning players include forwards Chase Anderson, a junior and Rita Roche, a sophomore; midfielder Anja Jensen, a junior and on defender Annabelle Kane, a junior, and then sophomore Robinson in net.

Of the returners, Anderson comes back with the most varsity goals as she deposited three in the back of the net as a sophomore.

Coming up from the JV team includes senior Elizabeth Connelly, juniors Kaira Nadeau, Ida Bishop, Zoe DeRose and Ashley MacGilvray, along with sophomore goalie Marisa Bryan. DeRose and Bishop are strong multi-sport athletes, also playing on the varsity lacrosse and ice hockey teams.

The JV team finished 7-3-8 a year ago.

Making the leap from the freshmen team to Varsity includes sophomores Allison (Sonny) Rebeiro, Kailyn St. Jean, Allison Foley, Celia Kulis and Jenna Danieli. Rebeiro and St. Jean played forward, Foley played multiple positions and Kulis was the team's center-midfielder.

The Freshmen team finished with an impressive 8-1-4 record from a year ago.



The captains on the 2019 Wilmington High School Varsity Field Hockey team includes, Katie McConologue, left, and Sophia D'Amico. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

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The Captains of the 2019 WHS Girls Varsity Soccer Team includes from left, Alyson Colantuoni, Madison Grace and Jessie McCullough. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

WHS Girls Soccer Team Preview

Younger roster preparing for the big test of Middlesex League opponents

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WILMINGTON - After the 2016 season, the Wilmington High School girls' soccer team lost 50 of its 64 goals to graduation, but still came back to win eight games and qualify for the state tournament in 2017.

"After losing to Winchester in the state tournament, that '17 team lost ten senior players. The 2018 team restocked and finished with a 10-6-2 record, which included upsetting the No. 5 seed Dracut Middies in the first round of the state tournament before losing to No. 4 Danvers, who lost in the sectional final to eventual state champion Winchester. The Sachems are one again a cross-over match-up for the 'Cats, competing out of the Middlesex League Liberty Division.

Gone from last year's team is another large group of graduated seniors, ten in all, which leaves the 2019 team comprised of eight sophomores and three freshmen. Those younger players will be mixed up along with a strong core of returning players who all have solid varsity experience under their belts.

"It's always a big question of what the upcoming season is going to be like after a large class graduates," said head coach Sue Hendee. "The other thing is we have been able to recover from that in years past because we had another large class following. This year we really didn't so the majority of the girls on the varsity team are underclassmen. We have a lot of sophomores and some freshmen in there, too."

In this decade, the Wildcats have enjoyed an incredible run with a record of 115-38-27, which includes seven league titles, one state finalist trophy, a North Finalist Trophy, while also losing in the sectional semifinals once and qualifying for the state tournament in each of the past eight years.

Clearly the league favorites this year will be Winchester in the Liberty Division and Stoneham in the Freedom, but Hendee is confident that her younger team has what it takes to compete in a dynamic league as well as hopefully make it nine straight playoff appearances.

"They've worked really hard," said Hendee. "The new players are playing with confidence and I'm actually really impressed with what I have seen so far with kids who are stepping onto the field for the first time in scrimmages competing for their first time ever at the varsity level.

"I think we have a good, solid defense coming back. I feel that we have a real good, starting eleven of returning players. After that, it's almost entirely new

players or younger players. The experience level drops off but not necessarily the skill level so we'll see how it goes."

The Wildcats return 12 players who all logged significant amount of playing time last year and have 14 returning letterwinners, including Jessie McCullough, who missed all of last year season with an ACL injury to her knee. She will be one of the captains this year along with Alyson Colantuoni and Madison Grace.

McCullough and Grace will be two of the four experienced strikers returning with fellow senior Annie Wingate and sophomore Alyssa Granara. Both Grace and Wingate really improved last year, McCullough has verbally committed to play next year at D2 St. Michael's University, and Granara showed a tremendous amount of grit, poise and potential last year as a freshman.

Adding depth will be returning letterwinner Kali Almeida, a sophomore, and then newcomers Olivia Spizuoco, a sophomore, and Ella Wingate, a freshman, who may also see some time in the midfield.

Hendee was asked about the team's offense and if she believes the 'Cats can generate enough/more offense.

"I hope so," she answered, "I know that we kind of struggled with that last year. We don't have maybe as much speed up top as we have had in the past, but they make up for it being aggressive and smart. And that's what you to do - if speed is not your thing, you got to smart, be able to hold the ball and they do all of that well."

The midfield group has the potential of being extremely good with the likes of juniors Jenna Sweeney and Amber Flynn to go with sophomore Amanda Broussard.

"The three are them very good athletes, they are all very fit, committed, worked really hard over the summer and are just all in really good shape," said Hendee. "They also work really well together and they understand the position and formations that we use."

In her formation, Flynn be the 'holding midfielder' with Broussard and Sweeney as the 'attacking midfielders'.

"Essentially it's a triangle and it switches all-around," said Hendee.

Besides Spizuoco and Ella Wingate, adding depth in the midfield will be senior Maryjane Martin, sophomore Jenna Moore and freshman Jessica Collins.

Defensively, the team appears to be pretty strong once again, which has usually been the team's bread-and-butter over the years. Colantuoni is the lone senior of the returners with junior Samantha Papastathis and

sophomores Kaitlyn Maguire and Audrey Curdo round out the starting four.

Also in the mix will be junior newcomers Ashlyn Buckley and Ava Elliott, sophomore Madison Mulas and freshman Colleen Baldi.

The final two spots belong to keepers Alyssa Morrison, a senior, and junior Tori Gemellaro, who are back as the starter and back-up, respectively.

"It's nice having the two of them back with us," said Hendee. "Alyssa looks good. It's really tough coming in for your junior year as a first year varsity player and be thrown right into a starting position. Who we thought was going to be our starting keeper last year didn't show up, so Alyssa was thrown right into it. You could see her grow over the course of the season. She is still growing."

Hendee said that Morrison has a handful of strong qualities as the team's keeper.

"She is a really good communicator back there, she's a good athlete and again smart," she said. "We're lucky to have (assistant coach) Shane (Kligerman) here, who spends a lot of time with the goalies, works with them and does a great job of giving them the attention that they need."

Kligerman came on as a volunteer assistant last year and joining him this year are three more varsity volunteer assistants, including former players Cassie Grasso and Adrianna Kippenberger, as well as Savannah Dupeyrat, a new physical education teacher at the high school. She played collegiate soccer at a Division 2 School in Iowa.

The coaching staff anticipates the team will be ready to go for the season opener on Thursday night at home against Belmont, beginning at 6:00 pm. That will be the first of six home night games for the 'Cats.

Wilmington will face Freedom Division teams Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham, Watertown and Melrose twice each and then Liberty School teams, Belmont, Reading, Winchester, Arlington, Lexington and Woburn one time each.

In addition will be two non-league games with Beverly and Tewksbury. Of the team's 13 opponents this season, seven went to the playoffs last year including Lexington in D1, Winchester, Beverly, Woburn, Arlington and Tewksbury in D2 and Stoneham, who lost in the D3 North sectional semifinals.

"After (Winchester and Stoneham), I think the rest of the league is wide open and it'll be a lot of 'we knock somebody off' and 'they knock us off' kind of thing. I really think it'll be wide open," said Hendee.

WHS Girls Soccer Captain to play D2 College Next Year After missing a year due to injury, McCullough seeking some redemption

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WILMINGTON - According to different studies and several written stories from various well-known pediatricians across the country, female athletes ages 15-to-20, suffer 1.6 times more ACL (Anterior Cruciate Ligament) injuries than boys do and studies also show that more of these injuries occur in soccer than any other sport.

Over the years, there's been plenty of local high school and collegiate athletes - male and female - who have suffered ACL injuries, have gone under the knife, went through months of rehabilitation to get back to where they once were.

One of the tri-captains of this year's Wilmington High School girls' soccer team, Jessie McCullough, is hoping she is only of those athletes. She sat out all of last year due to an ACL injury she suffered during her Club Soccer team back in April of 2018.

A year later from that devastating injury that kept the striker out of action for eight months, things have turned around for the multi-sport athlete, who is also a member of the varsity lacrosse team and previously played on the subvarsity basketball team before her injury.

Today, McCullough is completely healthy. According to her coach Sue Hendee, she is stronger, faster and wiser. To top of it all, she has already given a verbal commitment to continue to play the game that she loves next year at St. Michael's College, a Division 2 program out of Vermont.

"I haven't played on this high school team since my sophomore year so I'm excited to have that opportunity again," said McCullough. "It stinks sitting on the sidelines and not being involved and stuff. It's hard because you feel like you're not included as much because there's talking going on from the field and you don't know about any of the conversations. You are just sitting there and it stinks."

The injury happened in April and she had to wait a month due to the swelling and doctors had to make sure that she could move her knee before she had the surgery. The injury came while playing for her Club Team, Benfica.

"I was going for the ball and I landed on my ankle and it twisted and my knee popped out the other way," described McCullough. "It

just went numb after that. I tried to stand up and it gave out so that's when I knew something was wrong."

"At first I didn't think it was a big deal because I didn't know and I didn't expect anything like that to happen to me because I just figured 'not me'. But then it just really stunk in the beginning because (the thought of the injury is) always in your head. I couldn't do anything last summer (because of it). I was always at physical therapy and everything just hurt."

McCullough's summer, along side her only brother Luke and her parents Gary and Andrea, who were both athletes in high school themselves, consisted of physical therapy, physical therapy and maybe some sleep. Not much else.

"I went to a trainer to make sure that I wasn't going to do anything else to my other knee or to the same one," she said. "Then I did a lot of physical therapy and when that ended, I was kind of on my own for a while."

"I started soccer again this past January like once a week. Then I started to play more in April when the club season came around again and (my knee) was rusty at first but then once I got better, I got right back into it."

After playing Club this past spring - as well as suiting up to play lacrosse at WHS - and giving that verbal commitment to St. Michael's, McCullough is rearing to go for her final season in a Wildcats' uniform. Hendee believes that McCullough has the potential of putting together a very strong season.

"An ACL injury is devastating because you are out for essentially a year," said Hendee. "She actually came back pretty quick and was able to play lacrosse in the spring. She worked really, really hard (to get back to full strength). The good news about it is she is stronger than she's been before, she's faster than she's ever been because of

all of the rehab that she did. I think the injury has helped her grow as a player."

McCullough, a tri-captain, will be one of the captains on this year's team, joining other returners Annie Wingate, Madison Grace, Alyssa Granara and Kali Almeida. Certainly, the potential is there for this group to find the back of the net early and often.

"I get to play with Madison and Annie on my side and I have grown up with them, so it's fun to get back together with them," she said. "I haven't played with Annie in a long time. It's just cool to be with them again because we were always together in the eighth grade so it's fun because it's how it used to be."

Hendee added that this forward group may not be as fast collectively as ones in years past, but are extremely aggressive to the ball, and also know where to be at all times.

"Jessie's always had a good head for soccer," said Hendee. "She has a good soccer-IQ. It just seems like that she has been able to put everything all together now - especially when you combine that with being a little bit quicker. It seems like she has not lost her aggressiveness. She's not intimidated coming off her injury, which is nice to see because a lot of people get shy coming off an injury. I think she's going to have a good year."

Certainly McCullough is hoping for a good - and fully healthy season - but she also realizes that the entire team has the capabilities of keeping the strong winning tradition going within the program. The Wildcats have qualified for the state tournament in each of the past eight seasons.

"Everything is looking good," she said. "I think we just have to put a few more things together during practice, which we have a lot of time to do before our first game so I think we can be pretty good if we can put everything together by then."

Milestones coming up for two coaches, program

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WILMINGTON - According to our records here at the Town Crier, several impressive milestones will most likely be reached this fall and winter season.

Starting with the girls' soccer team, since the inception of the program dating back to 1987, the Wildcats have a record of 299-220-78, meaning one more win would give the program 300.

Head Coach Sue Hendee, who was an assistant in 1987, took over the reigns in 1988 and has compiled a record of 292-213-74, meaning she needs eight more victories to reach the incredible 300-win plateau. She is also 21 games away from reaching

600 in her career.

Turning to the boys' soccer program, Steve Scanlon has a record of 199-103-58 here at WHS, needing one more victory to give him 200. He has a career soccer record of 328-154-88, which includes his time at Westford Academy and Methuen.

In ice hockey, he has a mark of 348-205-64, meaning he is two wins away from 350.

Coaching both soccer and ice hockey at WHS, Scanlon has a career record of 547-308-122 and overall with his stops at WA and Methuen, he has a combined record of 776-358-152, and he is 14 games away from coaching 1,300 in his career and he is 23 away from coaching 1,000 games at WHS.

Coming Next Week:

WHS B/G XC
Previews and
Features on Jake
Danieli and Gianna
Misuraca

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	September 5	V Volleyball	at Belmont	5:15 pm
Thursday	September 5	V Girls Soccer	vs Belmont	6:00 pm
Thursday	September 5	V Boys Soccer	at Belmont	7:30 pm
Friday	September 6	V Golf	at Burlington	3:30 pm
Friday	September 6	V Field Hockey	vs Reading	4:00 pm
Friday	September 6	V Football	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Saturday	September 7	V Boys/Girls Soccer	at Beverly	10:00/12 pm
Monday	September 9	V Volleyball	vs Somerville	5:15 pm
Tuesday	September 10	V Boys Soccer	vs Reading (North)	4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 10	V Girls Soccer	at Reading	4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 10	V Volleyball	vs Reading	5:15 pm
Wednesday	September 11	V Field Hockey	at Winchester	4:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	September 5	V Golf	at Minuteman	3:30 pm
Thursday	September 5	V Boys Soccer	at Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Thursday	September 5	V Girls Soccer	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Friday	September 6	V Volleyball	vs Chelsea	5:30 pm
Saturday	September 7	V Football	at Millis	2:30 pm
Monday	September 9	V Volleyball	at PMA	5:30 pm
Tuesday	September 10	V Boys Soccer	vs Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 10	V Girls Soccer	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Wednesday	September 11	V Golf	at Northeast	3:30 pm
Wednesday	September 11	B/G Cross-Country	at Min/Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm

'Cats to (sort of) play Billerica for first time since 1994

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season, and the 'Cats had success going 4-0 in those two years.

Despite the fact that Wilmington only won one more game in the final nine weeks of last year's season after starting out 2-0, Turner elected a different strategy this year for non-league games, matching up with Billerica in the "endowment game" before taking on Woburn and Bishop Fenwick.

All three of those opponents made the MIAA Playoffs last year, with Billerica losing to Tewksbury in the first round, Woburn lost to eventual Division 2 state champi-

on North Andover in the quarterfinal round, and Bishop Fenwick lost to eventual Division 6 Super Bowl Champion Stoneham in the sectional semi-finals.

"I think if we want to compete with the Melrose's, the Stoneham's and all of those teams, we need to play bigger," said Turner. "If we want to compete with Tewksbury on Thanksgiving, we need to play that type of schedule. It was also my plan when I got here to kind of ease into it the first two years and then try to go out and schedule some tough ones. People may look at our schedule and see that we are playing Bishop Fenwick, and

they should look into Bishop Fenwick because they are very good."

The Boston Herald released its pre-season polls this week and Billerica stands No. 5 in Division 3 North and Bishop Fenwick stands No. 2 in Division 6. The match-up with Billerica won't officially count in the standings.

"Billerica will be a great challenge for us even though it's an endowment game," said Turner. "It's a good measuring stick to see where we're at. We know that Coach (Duane) Sigsbury always does an awesome job, so we'll have to step up and meet that

challenge."

This will be the first time that the two teams have played one another since 1994 when the Indians won their fifth straight over the 'Cats with a 27-0 victory.

The year before, Billerica own 28-0, behind star player Mike Mastrullo, who went on to play at Notre Dame.

According to records kept by Billerica Historian Jim Haines, the teams have played each other 53 times, with an even split of 23-23-7. The last Wilmington victory came in 1989, when now WHS interim AD Ed Harrison was the head coach and did a marvelous job coaching a squad of 22

kids to a 5-5 record in the MVC, which included a 7-0 win over the Indians.

Turner played for Billerica during his high school days and this Friday will mark the last season opener to be held at the Marshall Middle School as Billerica's new high school field will open next year.

"It means a lot to me (to go back)," said Turner. "It's the last time they are going to play at that field, so I had to pay them a visit. I had to check them out one last time. I've never been on the opposite side of the field before. We will see what it's like and that will be a lot of fun."

Sigsbury - who applied to be the WHS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach several years ago but is now the head coach at Austin Prep - is surrounded by a handful of former WHS assistant coaches including Joe Cavanaugh and Steve O'Neill.

Besides the coaches, Billerica returns a handful of skilled and experienced players including QB Nolan Houlihan, who last year threw for over 1,800 yards with 16 touchdowns, as well as rush for almost 500 yards and score three more TDs. Colby Cyrus is a dynamic running back and defensively Ryan Hogan is a strong linebacker.

"They have a lot of skilled guys back," said Turner. "Their quarterback is spectacular and he's one of the best in the state. Their wide receivers are fantastic - just a real typical Billerica team. Real tough, physical and they don't shy away from contact. That's the type of program that we want to be. We want to be tough and physical."

"Coach Sigsbury does a lot of the same stuff that I like to do and he's a guy who I've always looked up to when I was at Mystic Valley and he was at Cathedral and faced

each other several times. I have always followed his career and he's just a great coach."

"It's always a real challenge going up against him and his guys, so we're really excited about having that challenge next week. The reason why I came to Wilmington was so we could play in these types of games. That's what we're going to try to do."

After Wilmington's first three non-league games, the 'Cats will then dive into their league schedule and face three of the top seven teams in Division 4 North including No. 1 Melrose, No. 5 Burlington and No. 7 Wakefield, as well as the No. 1 ranked Stoneham out of D6. Wilmington is ranked No. 8 in Division 4 North.

Annual Half Marathon/5K, Sept. 29

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A look through the Wilmington-Billerica History

According to Billerica Historian Jim Haines, Billerica and Wilmington have met 53 times in previous years with this Friday as the 54th.

1921- Billerica 12, Wilmington 2

1922 to 1927- No Results Found

1928- Billerica 2, Wilmington 0

1929 to 1934- No Games

1935- Billerica 6, Wilmington 0

1935- Billerica 7, Wilmington 0

1936- Billerica 0, Wilmington 0

1936- Billerica 6, Wilmington 0

1937- Billerica 24, Wilmington 0

1937- Billerica 19, Wilmington 0

1938- Billerica 6, Wilmington 0

1939- Wilmington 21, Billerica 0

1940- Billerica 33, Wilmington 0

1941- Billerica 19, Wilmington 7

1942- Billerica 20, Wilmington 7

1943- Billerica 19, Wilmington 0

1944- Billerica 0, Wilmington 0

1945- Billerica 35, Wilmington 6

1946- Billerica 24, Wilmington 7

1947 to 1958- No Games

1959- Billerica 14, Wilmington 12

1960- Billerica 0, Wilmington 0

1961- Wilmington 12, Billerica 0

1962- Wilmington 38, Billerica 6

1963- Wilmington 27, Billerica 6

1964- Wilmington 38, Billerica 14

1965- Wilmington 15, Billerica 8

1966- Wilmington 28, Billerica 0

1967- Wilmington 15, Billerica 8

1968- Wilmington 21, Billerica 0

1969- Billerica 6, Wilmington 6

1970- Wilmington 34, Billerica 0

1971- Wilmington 20, Billerica 6

1972- Wilmington 20, Billerica 6

1973- Wilmington 21, Billerica 0

1974- Billerica 14, Wilmington 14

1975- Wilmington 29, Billerica 8

1976- Wilmington 20, Billerica 6

1977- Billerica 7, Wilmington 0

1978- Wilmington 14, Billerica 7

1979- Wilmington 14, Billerica 8

1980- Billerica 9, Wilmington 6

1981- Wilmington 7, Billerica 2

1982- Wilmington 30, Billerica 0

1983- Wilmington 22, Billerica 8

1984- Billerica 15, Wilmington 15

1985- Wilmington 38, Billerica 8

1986- Billerica 27, Wilmington 14

1987- Billerica 0, Wilmington 0

1988- Wilmington 7, Billerica 0

1989- Wilmington 7, Billerica 0

1990- Billerica 28, Wilmington 8


1991- Billerica 23, Wilmington 8

1992- Billerica 34, Wilmington 14

1993- Billerica 28, Wilmington 0


1994- Billerica 27, Wilmington 0

Recap: 53 Games; Series tied 23-23-7.







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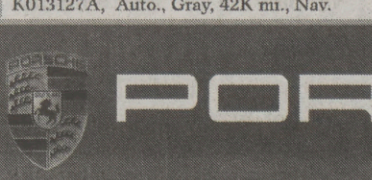
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Nally has powered his way through adversity

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When you see Nally at a Wildcats' practice standing next to one of his teammates, it's like Andre The Giant standing next to Billy Crystal from the 'Princess Bride' movie.

Or do you go with the fact, that this extremely dedicated, passionate player, who excels in football and the throwing events in track-and-field, as well as in the classroom with 1400 SAT scores, 30 ACT score, a 3.75 GPA and ranks in the top 30 of his senior class, is a quiet leader, who just loves the gridiron, and of course "to hit people."

"Ever since I came here, he's one of my favorite kids," said head coach Craig Turner. "You walk in and see this big kid lifting weights with (former captain) Tyler Roberts and right away it's 'oh I like this guy'. Dean's a big, strong kid. He's the type of kid who if he misses a week to go on a family vacation, he'll get a gym membership for a week, just so he can continue to lift. He comes from a really good family."

Dean's Family has been involved in sports for a long time. His grandfather Bernie played football at WHS and graduated in 1958. Dean's father Pat was a two-way player at fullback and middle linebacker, serving as a captain in 1987 before moving on to play at Westfield State College.

Besides the three generations of football players, Dean's sister Rachel is an extremely talented gymnast "and the real athlete of the family," said Dean, and is now a member of the WHS Cheerleading team, following her Mom Christine's footsteps, as she was a cheerleader and also competed on the track team during her high school days.

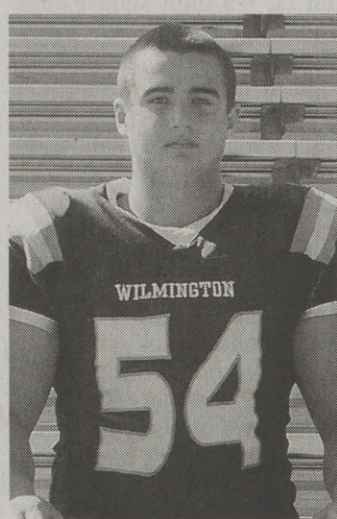
But it was Dean's entire family who were all on-hand and watched him pour everything he had into every play of a 43-0 Turkey Day game all with a broken left collarbone.

"That Thanksgiving Day game was tough and even the year before when we were good, (Tewksbury) beat us (handily)," said Dean. "My whole family has played against Tewksbury. My grandfather played and my Dad played. It just means so much to all of us."

Dean then couldn't help himself to poke fun of his grandfather's playing days.

"I found my grandfather's yearbook and I think he had a leather cap on and a Wilmington jersey. I don't think he had a facemask," he said with a big laugh. "It's really cool to look back at their careers. They all come to my games and we all talk about football and it's really cool."

But what wasn't cool, was the pain Dean felt on that



DEAN NALLY

day .. and not just the pain of what the scoreboard read.

"I tore my shoulder," he said. "It happened on one of the first plays of the game and then I ended up playing the rest of the game. I kept shoving (my collarbone) back in (to the socket) and I just kept making it worse and worse. I missed the whole winter season and I missed the beginning of spring track as well. It's been hard rehabbing to get back, but I feel great right now."

Dean added that he knew that he did something to his shoulder at the moment, but knew very well that he was not coming out of the game, no matter if the scoreboard read 243-0.

"I had no idea I was doing more damage," he said. "I knew that it was out, but I didn't know by how much. I put it back in a bunch of times that day, but there's only a few times in your life that you get to play against Tewksbury. I want to play in all of those games. I was in lots of pain but I knew that it was the last game of the season and I could heal after that."

After that loss and some turkey and gravy, Nally ended up having surgery. He had previously played ice hockey and was thinking about joining the wrestling team, but the doctor's knife ended those thoughts. From there, it was a lot of time spent rehabbing.

"He's a tough kid," said Turner. "He had surgery on his shoulder and that set him back a bit in the off-season, but he really made up for that time. He is benching 370 (pounds) right now. He's just such a big, strong kid."

Forced to sit out the winter athletic season, Nally was chomping at the bit to get back into a physical activity - he couldn't play contact sports just yet, so like he did very other off-season, he hit the weight room but this time he had a lot of restrictions.

"My Mom and Dad do absolutely everything to help me," he said. "I was in the gym all of the time and they were helping me out with that. I couldn't move plates, so my Dad bought me a bar that went over my

neck so I could still squat. So they helped me put on plates, they helped me financially have a bar and they let me keep training for the season."

And while he spent hours and hours in the weight room during the cold winter months, he also spent countless hours keeping up with his schoolwork, despite his everyday struggle of being dyslexic.

"I can't read at all so I have to use a laptop that has software to read to me so all of my teachers have to send me my stuff online," he said. "(My GPA and test scores) are all because of my teachers, who are all willing to send me my stuff online so I'm able to listen to it. I can't read a menu. If I go out to dinner, I can't read the menu."

"When I was little, everyone else learned how to read and I just didn't get it. It was a confidence problem when I was little, but it's clearly not a confidence problem now."

And he also has full confidence on the football field that he can do his job as a two-way lineman, and his teammates can do their jobs and help the team improve from the 3-8 record from a year ago.

"I'm really excited for this season," said Nally. "We have a lot of young kids and so far this season, they have all been unbelievable. All summer they were lifting (weights) every morning when I was here and they were working very, very hard. I think our offensive line this year is going to be very good. We are bringing back me, Pat McAndrew and AJ O'Brien and then the two younger kids are Jack Malloy and Jake Chirichiello. Those are the two of the younger kids who have impressed me the most."

Impressed is how Coach Turner has felt about Nally since day one, and since the day that he told him he was switching his defensive position.

"We are moving Dean back down to the defensive line at tackle," said Turner. "I mean, I asked him to put on weight during the off-season, and wow, he took it seriously. He put on about thirty-five pounds. He's bigger and stronger than ever and I keep telling him that he's eating himself into becoming an offensive lineman in college and he says, 'good, I love it'. He's just a man after my own heart. He's just been a force out there."

"We really think that he's going to be a kid who plays at a high level in college, too. He has some good interest in some Division 2 schools from within the area. He's a great student. The NESCAC Schools, MIT, WPI, schools like that are the ones he is interested. With his high test scores, all of those schools are in his wheelhouse. He will be a really good player for someone."

"As a senior and a captain this year, he's just been awesome. He leads the way physically everyday. He's not a big guy in terms of barking at kids, but he's one of those kids who if he says something, it gets your attention. We are very excited to see what he can do this year."

This is Dean's final year of playing for the Wildcats and when he was asked about summarizing the upcoming football season, he got his point across, but as calm as ever.

"I'm just really excited for this season. We have all worked very hard in the off-

season. Last year was embarrassing. I think we have all worked very hard to make sure that doesn't happen again," he said.



First-Year Austin Prep Football Coach Billy Tucker runs through some drills during last Thursday's practice at the new facility. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

Austin Prep Football Preview

Coach Tucker adjusts to role as first-year head coach

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READING - It stands to reason that a first-year coach would face scrutiny and be compared to the individual who previously held the job, particularly if that predecessor was the celebrated guru of high school football, Bill Maradei, who retired from Austin Prep coaching duties last year.

Enter Coach Billy Tucker, who hopes to take the highly-successful football program at Austin Prep to new levels of greatness. Tucker, who makes his home a stone's throw from the AP campus in Reading, arrives armed with a wealth of experience and knowledge and understands he has a tough act to follow.

"Coach Maradei and I are friends," said Tucker, when reached during a recent practice at the AP campus. "He has provided a great deal of support so far. I've been picking his brain about some of the little things but you're right, it will be hard to fill his shoes."

According to Tucker, who earned 1992 Boston Globe Player of the Year honors for his exploits as a Reading High School running back, the timing was ideal to accept the AP job.

"My son was just entering Austin Prep and I was aware the school was seeking a new football coach," he shared. "The retirement of Coach Maradei last year was perfect timing for me and everything just aligned and it worked out."

Athletic Director Patrick Driscoll was very pleased to welcome Tucker to Austin Prep.

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming season," he said, several days before the opener. "The entire community is excited to cheer on the team. Coach Tucker, his staff, and the team have been hard at work getting ready for the season. Coach Tucker has brought a great mix of intensity and fun in preparing for our upcoming opponents. We are planning on an exciting season of football."

As Tucker explained it, his career requires a great deal

of travel in the spring and summer but during the fall season, he enjoys "down time" from his work, time which will now be filled by ushering the Cougars into a new era of excellence.

"We're trying to teach the kids the fundamentals of this sport, safe football, and at the same time, a winning culture," the coach said. "We have a clean slate to work with and a great opportunity but the kids have to earn it."

After graduating from Reading High School, which eventually inducted him into the Rocket's Hall of Fame, Tucker continued to churn up area gridirons with the Bentley College Falcons. A running back in high school, he transitioned to linebacker in college and achieved great success, including assembling 18 quarterback sacks during his senior year.

"After finishing my career as a player, I ended up coaching at Bentley for two years," said Tucker, who will debut Saturday afternoon by hosting Whittier Tech. "I then moved on to Merrimack College where I was the director of football recruiting and defensive coordinator for five years. We went to the Sweet 16 in our final year."

Soon after leaving Bentley, Tucker joined ESPN and Scouts, Inc. which provides a wide array of college scouting, analysis, rankings, and player evaluations. It proved to be a wise career move as additional channels opened for Tucker, including a VP position with 3Step Sports, a company that oversees more than a dozen projects devoted to the development of high school athletes and in conjunction with Under Armor, sponsors the annual All-America Football Game, bringing together the nation's top one hundred football players.

"I direct the Under Armor All-America game which ESPN broadcasts every year with Deion Sanders, Ed Reed, and Steve Mariucci, and the top high school players," Tucker said. "I'm fortunate to do that every January. In the spring, I travel around the country to

select cities, big markets, and we have camps for the top junior and senior high school prospects."

It goes without saying that Tucker possesses the valuable ability to recognize football talent. He was quick to credit the Walsh brothers for making his new job that much easier.

"The Walsh brothers have definitely helped in that regard," he agreed, as the Wilmington brothers, Chris and Harry, rumbled along the turf on a full speed drill. "But we also have a tremendous coaching staff here. Mike Foley is a forty-year Division 1 coach, who spent considerable time with UMass, UConn, Harvard, and Colgate. You can't do better than Mike for offensive line coaching and calling plays. And Chris Morales, a Lawrence kid who played at Central Catholic and Delaware, will oversee the defense."

Tucker agreed that his roster will stack up against anybody in the Catholic Central League and beyond. The Walsh brothers, both 6' 4", are just two examples of the Cougars' sizeable composition.

Chris and Harry Walsh are the only two varsity athletes currently representing Wilmington but there are a number of JV players who may see action as the season progresses. Griffin Carr hails from Wilmington while Tewksbury sends a contingent to the Cougars' squad including Justin Elias, Jimmy Holmes, and Ryan Thompson.

"We do have significant size up front, both on the offensive and defensive lines and defense will likely be the strength of this team," the coach said. "But we have some skill players, as well. Now it's just a matter of executing."

"This is the first time these guys have played together and the first time we've coached them, so it's not going to happen overnight. But thanks to Coach Maradei, I inherited a disciplined team. We may open things up a little more on offense but we will still follow a lot of the traditions he started here."

Wilmington residents Chris and Harry Walsh

Brothers quickly add some big attention to AP

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READING - As newly-minted head coach Billy Tucker and his staff put the Austin Prep football team through its paces at a recent practice, it became evident that this team might just win a game or two via simple intimidation.

Standing heads above

many of their teammates, literally, Wilmington brothers Chris and Harry Walsh represent an imposing tandem and in early assessments, show great promise for the Austin Prep football season ahead.

Harry, a 6' 4" sophomore, has been tasked with left tackle and defensive end duties while his older brother, Chris, who also played

defensive end in years past, will shift to right guard with Austin Prep. According to Chris, the reason behind the move had more to do with college recruiting than any decision of his own.

"All of the colleges I've talked with so far say they see me playing guard," said Chris, a senior who like his

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Brothers quickly add some big attention to AP

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younger sibling, stands at 6' 4". "So the coaching staff here at Austin Prep has put me in the position recommended by the colleges."

"Chris has a veteran skill-set and good understanding of the game," said Coach Tucker. "He can finish blocks and plays with an attitude. We are just working on making him more consistent."

One doesn't have far to look to understand where the boys acquired their athletic pedigree. Their father Mike was an All-American at the discus throw while at Bentley College and continued as a post-collegiate athlete and Olympic hopeful. He owned a best of 205-2 which eclipses the qualifying standards by a wide margin.

"I continued to throw for seven years after college and went to the Olympic Trials," recalled Mike Walsh, who at 6' 4" admitted that he gives up a little family height to his 6' 6" dad. "I was top-ten in the United States for a number of years so I was fortunate enough to be granted entry into open meets and competed around the country. And I did fully qualify for the Olympics in Atlanta, 1996, but decided to hang it up several years later due to family commitments and a business opportunity."

Walsh, a family friend of Coach Tucker, explained that his eldest son Chris had played football as an underclassman at Malden Catholic but last year was transferred to the Tilton School in New Hampshire as a means to draw more attention from college recruiters.

"Chris was approached by prep schools while at Malden Catholic and we decided to transfer him," said his father. "We were under the impression that a

prep school would better prepare him for the college recruiting process. So both he and Harry were sent to Tilton last year."

Everything was going according to plan, as the elder Walsh explained, but then an abrupt coaching change at Tilton threw a wrench into the works. Chris, who had earned All-NEPSAC honors along with a selection to USA Today All-USA New Hampshire Football Team while playing at Tilton, was soon transferred again, this time to Austin Prep, on the suggestion of Coach Tucker. It wasn't long before his brother Harry was wearing Cougar green, as well. The brothers, as their father shared, are very close and where one goes, the other follows whenever possible. It was suggested that one drives the other to excellence.

While father and Grandfather (Frank) Walsh can take credit for the boys' physicality, mother Cheryl, who has run the Boston Marathon a number of times, certainly deserves merit for their speed and endurance. When it comes to athletics, the entire Walsh clan seems to be involved in one way or another.

Both Chris and Harry took part in AAU basketball as youths which helped improve their athleticism, according to their father. Harry played some of his early football in the Tewksbury Pop Warner system. He found it humorous that he was over the weight limit because of his size and was not allowed to participate in Wilmington Youth Football. Tewksbury, his father explained, was more flexible with the restrictions.

Harry is a diamond in the rough. Coach Tucker employed his sharp sense of

humor to describe the youth.

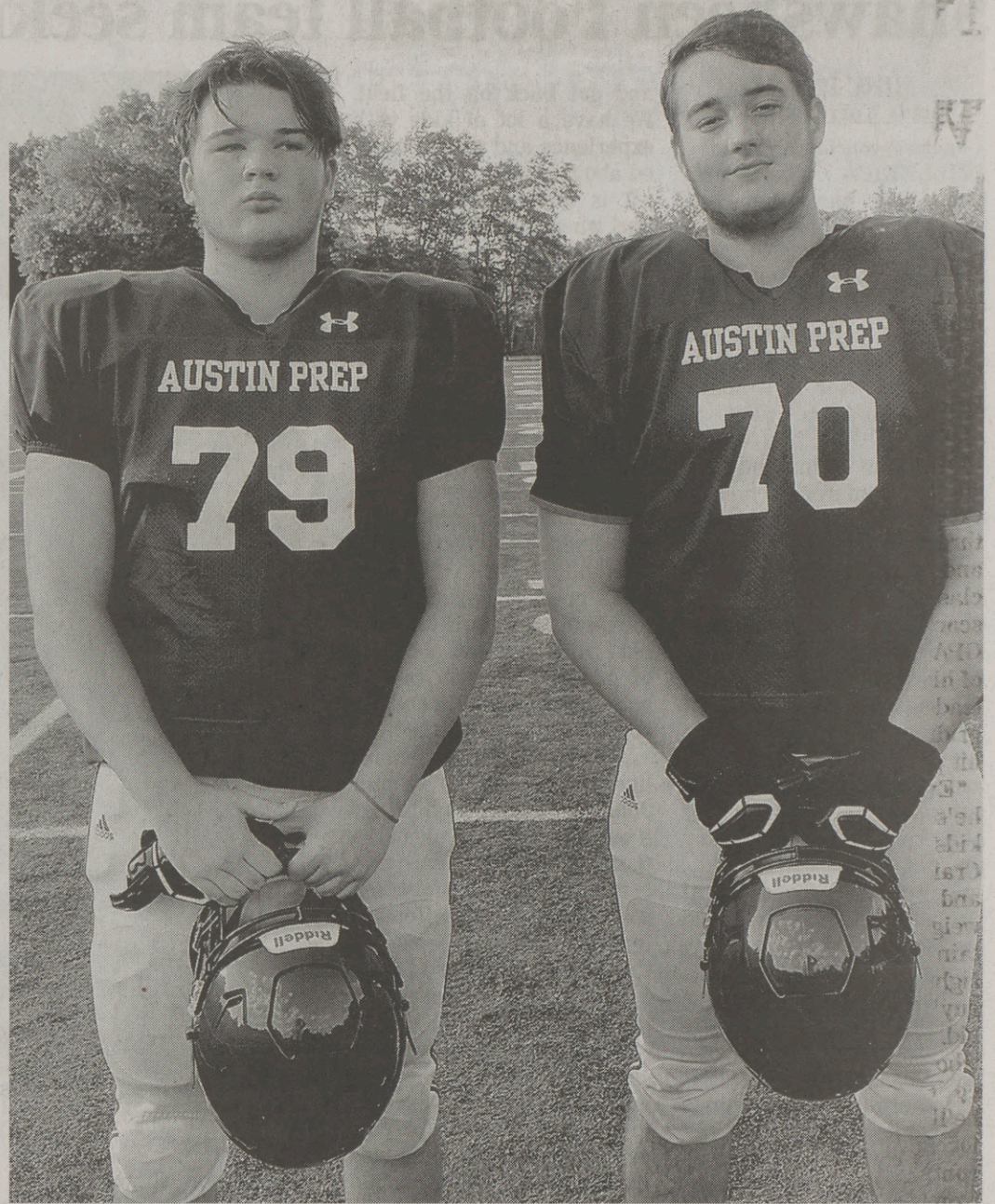
"Harry is still a puppy - a big puppy!" quipped the coach. "He's learning the game but is very athletic. He has a huge frame and still has a long way to go in his physical development. Both the Walsh brothers are fun to be around. Typical brothers, they get after each in practice."

At the AP practice where the Walsh brothers shared their comments, there was a sense they were in a hurry to get back to the workout on a hot, humid late-August afternoon. Distant whistles seemed to grab their attention. Needless to say, they weren't kept for very long. But before rejoining their teammates, each shared one hope for the Austin Prep football season ahead.

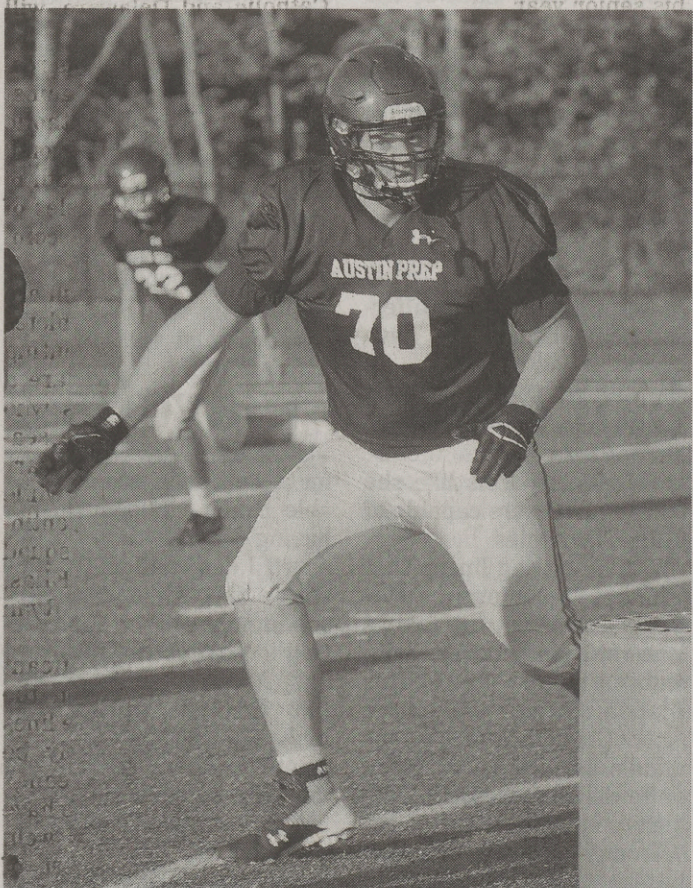
"I'm looking forward to playing Cardinal Spellman," answered Chris, when asked if there was any particular team on his regular season radar. "I hear they're pretty good and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

And younger brother Harry was brief and to the point when asked what he'd like to accomplish with his new team this year.

"Win a lot of games," he said. "And go to Gillette Stadium."



Wilmington residents Harry (left) and Chris Walsh previously played Football at Tilton Academy in New Hampshire but both decided to transfer to play at Austin Prep this season, as the Cougars got a big boost in size to this year's roster. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)



Above Chris Walsh and below his younger brother Harry, are both 6-foot-4, 250-pound linemen, who have been getting a lot of interests from college coaches already.

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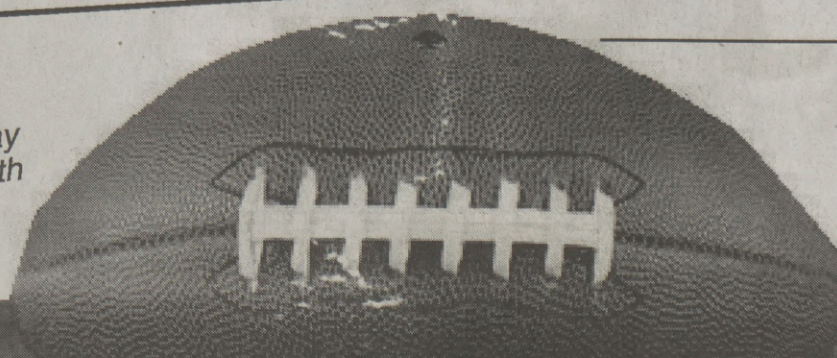
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Shawsheen Football team seeking a little redemption in 2019

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BILLERICA - When a program that has established the kind of winning tradition that the Shawsheen Tech Football program has, going through a season like last year's 4-7 campaign is not something you are accustomed to. Nor is it something that you want to repeat.

With four Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships in the past decade, including two in a row in 2017 and 2018, the Rams have seldom been in a position where they were not at least contending for the league crown until late in the season. Last year was different of course, as the Rams suffered their first losing season since 2013 in a campaign marred by numerous injuries to key players.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile, entering his 22nd season as head coach of the Rams, is hoping that the Rams are able to take the lessons learned last year and use them to their advantage this season.

"Sometimes good things can come out of bad things," Costabile said. "We were all disappointed with last season and nobody can be happy with it. You can't use injuries as an excuse, but when the injuries involve all three captains, it is hard to overcome that. We went through a stretch last season where we lost all three of our captains (Ryan Quinones, Omar Eldaly, Stephan Saint-Juste) and then we lost several of our offensive linemen. It was like an epidemic."

Some of those injured players, like offensive linemen Alex Newcomb of Tewksbury, Jonah Varallo and Aidan Leffler of Tewksbury overcame their injuries and were able to get back into the lineup towards the end of the season. Just sophomores at the time, Costabile was impressed with the hard work they put in to get back into the lineup, and he is hoping that kind of mentality carries over into this season.

"We had a lot of guys who got a lot of experience last season," Costabile said. "Those sophomore linemen came back and got some playing time and learned how to overcome injuries

and get back on the field. We have a lot of kids with experience and we are excited about that."

It is along that offensive line where the Rams might be strongest, as Varallo at left tackle, Leffler at right guard and Newcomb at right tackle with anchor a very good group up front.

"Jonah is going to be a force. He really did his due diligence in the weight room. He is a three-sport athlete (hockey and lacrosse) and he gained a lot of experience last year," Costabile said. "Leffler looks great so far. He is a hard-nosed, hard-working kid. Alex was out a couple of games last year, but he got back on the field and got some great experience."

Joining the on offensive line will be senior center John Wermcke, who brings a wealth of experience to the position. It is often said that center is the most important position along the offensive line, and Costabile feels like the Rams are lucky to have a player like Wermcke in that role.

"John played 13 games as a center for us his sophomore year, and then last year due to injuries to other players he moved into playing guard and tackle for us," Costabile said. "Now, we are happy to have him back at center. He has basically played 24 high school football games, so that is a lot of experience to bring to that position."

The Rams are a little less experienced under center, where junior Chris Disciscio will take over for two year starter CJ Zemetres. Disciscio may not be experienced, but Costabile is confident in his abilities as evidenced by his performance in the Rams recent scrimmage against Bedford.

"He is doing a really good job of setting in at quarterback," Costabile said. "He took a big step forward against Bedford. He took some big shots and made some clutch passes while taking those shots, one of them for a touchdown."

Disciscio will be helped by a strong running game, led sophomore running back Dylan Timmons of Wilmington and junior running back Diondre Turner of Wilmington. Timmons saw some significant playing time as a freshman in the second half of the season due to all the Rams injuries,



The 2019 Shawsheen Tech Varsity Football Team captains include from left, Shane Stairs, Pat O'Leary, Connor Rooney and Anthony D'Ampolo. (courtesy photo).

and Turner showed some great potential when he was in the lineup as well. Both look primed to take another step forward this season.

"They are both setting in as tailbacks and they are both looking good," Costabile said. "We are excited to see what they both can do this year."

Senior wide receiver Josiah Martinez of Wilmington, along with fellow senior wideout Anthony D'Ampolo of Tewksbury will provide some sure hands for Disciscio when he puts the ball in the air. D'Ampolo went from a non-starter last season to being elected by his teammates as one of four co-captains this season.

"Anthony is an example of somebody who got some experience last season, and just worked hard and got better in the off season," Costabile said. "He has done a tremendous job. We have been very impressed with him as a coaching staff, and the kids have been impressed too, which is why they voted him as a captain."

Another pair of locals, senior Santino Garafalo of Tewksbury and senior Conor

Rooney of Wilmington, another one of the Rams captains, will provide some big targets at tight end. Rooney will play a lot of wide receiver for the Rams as well, but at times he will come in to give the Rams a tight end set that will be very tough to defend.

"Santino is a very good talent and he has good size. He is 6'4 and he has long arms. He can make some plays for us," Costabile said. "Conor is big, strong and athletic. He is an outstanding athlete and he will be a college lacrosse player. He played for us as a freshman, but not as a sophomore and then he came back out last year. Now that he has learned the game more, he is going to be a very good player for us."

Many of the same names will be helping the Rams on defense as well as offense, with Garafalo and Varallo playing defensive end, while Leffler and Newcomb will be defensive tackles. The Rams will also be very strong at linebacker, where a pair of talented and very tough young men will aim to wreak havoc on defenses. Seniors Pat O'Leary and

Shane Stairs, both returning CAC All-Stars will look to build on their impressive seasons from last year, and will also serve as the Rams other two captains.

"They are a couple of good leaders. They are stalwarts," Costabile said. "Pat played through injuries last season and Shane played with a cast on his hand the last five weeks of the season. They had to be tough kids to be able to play through the things they did." The defensive backs haven't been set in stone as of yet, but the Rams will likely be led by some talented athletes, including Martinez, senior Connor Rich, Turner and senior Jake Bonanno.

The Rams will need to be strong on both sides of the ball if they hope to make a run at a league title, where defending champ Greater Lawrence remains the team to beat.

"Greater Lawrence will be very good. They are definitely the top team in the league," Costabile said. "I think we can have a good season. Last year was different for us, because we have

always been in contention, and we hope to get back to that this season. I feel like we can do that. I know the players are focused on it, and the coaches are focused on it. We are all on the same page in terms of turning things around and getting things back to the way we are used to things being around here."

The Rams will open their season on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The Mohawks are coming off a disappointing season in their own right, going 4-6 last season after back to back Division 8 Super Bowl titles in 2017 and 2018, but Costabile knows the Rams will have to be ready to take their non-league opponent's best shot.

"They have a great tradition down there," Costabile said. "They were a little disappointed last season, just like we were, but they are looking to bounce back, just like we are. They have some good size up front and have some talented kids at both quarterback and running back. They are going to be a tough opponent to open up against."

Six locals jumping at the chance to push Volleyball team to playoffs

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BILLERICA - With a 9-11 record last season, the Shawsheen Tech Volleyball team fell just short of their goal of qualifying for the state tournament. While coming up short of a tournament bid was certainly a disappointment for the Rams, the nine wins marked a tremendous improvement from the 5-14 record from the 2017 season.

The improvement was nice, but Shawsheen coach Anne

DeMarco, entering her third season at the helm, also viewed the season as a missed opportunity. And with many players returning to the team after gaining valuable experience last season, she is confident that the opportunity will not be missed again this season.

"I expect our competitiveness to continue to improve from year to year," DeMarco said. "This year's team is brimming with confidence in and commitment to the program; all the athletes are determined to be their best."

"Last year, our current returners witnessed a serious weakness. That weakness was that there was a lack of dedication to the program and the desire to win. This year's team has already overcome the weakness and left it behind them. This notable transition has been led by Brooke Bicknell, Shauna Nolan, and Sophia Rego, all of whom I will rely on to maintain the type of team chemistry needed create a winning program."

It will not be easy for the Rams, however. While they

do bring back a solid core of returning players, it can't be overlooked that they lost six seniors off of last year's squad, including CAC All-Stars Brooke Johnson and Katie Morrissey.

"Brooke and Katie were hard to replace," DeMarco said. "Brooke was our number one receiver and one of our best servers while Katie was one of our most consistent, loyal, and dependable athletes."

While the two co-captains, as well as the other seniors were certainly talented play-

ers, DeMarco feels like she has found players capable of filling their roles.

With a starting lineup that includes senior setter Deanna Goguen, the team's lone returning starter, sophomore right side hitter Bianca Corso, sophomore setter Devin Sweeney, senior middle hitter Allyson Haley of Tewksbury, junior middle hitter Sophia Rego of Wilmington, senior left side hitters Allison MacEachern and Shauna Nolan and senior libero Brooke Bicknell, DeMarco feels like she has the right combination to replace the difficult losses.

"I see Brooke Bicknell as a solid replacement for Johnson and Allison MacEachern a solid replacement for Morrissey," DeMarco said. "Despite the loss of Johnson and Morrissey, we still have Deanna Goguen. Goguen is a third year starting setter who is talented, highly skilled, and dependable. This year's team is very fortunate to have her."

The combination of returnees like Bicknell, Goguen, Haley and MacEachern along with newcomers like Sweeney, Corso, and senior Celina Barczak of Wilmington, seem to provide the right mix to allow the Rams to get over the hump and qualify for the tournament.

"I am hopeful that Corso and Sweeney will be major contributors this year. I am looking forward to having a strong right-side hitter with Corso and fast and agile right back defensive player with Sweeney," DeMarco said. "The rest will make

for a very deep and dependable bench. If someone is having a tough time on the court, I can confidently substitute in any one of our sophomores."

Chloe Gaglione, Sandra Watne or Jada McNair. I am confident that this year's team will make the tournament."

Both Gaglione and Watne are Wilmington residents.

It has been a continuous pattern of growth for DeMarco and the Rams in each of the past three years and while the CAC will certainly present its share of challenges this season with Essex and Mystic Valley leading the way, she feels that the team is ready for yet another step forward this season.

"Last year's team missed the tournament by one game for which I attribute to a lack of dedication and commitment to the program. This year's team is the opposite," DeMarco said. "They are busting at the seams with a love for the game and the desire to be the very best they can be. They are clearly coming together, as a team, with the goal to be successful in everything they do. They are passionate about the game and committed to each other. The coaching staff and I are looking forward to what this season will bring."

Shawsheen opened the season on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime. The Rams will follow up that opener with road matches against Chelsea on Friday, PMA on Monday and Essex Tech on Thursday (5:15 pm starts).



The Shawsheen Tech Varsity Volleyball team will open the season this week behind a handful of local players including front row from left: Sandra Watne (Wilmington), Sophia Rego (Wilmington) and Bianca Corso (Wilmington), and back row includes assistant coach Kelsey Rapoza, Coach Julie Yentile, Allyson Haley (Tewksbury), Chloe Gaglione (Wilmington), Celina Barczak (Wilmington), and Coach Anne DeMarco. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Shawsheen Tech Girls Soccer Preview

After two-year hiatus, Rams shooting for bigger goals

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA - At first glance last year's 7-11 record for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Soccer team looks like a disappointing season.

And by the lofty standards set by program in many ways it was. After all, this is a program that has won nine CAC championships in its history, to go along with six state vocational titles, and up until two years ago, had made 11 consecutive post-season appearances.

If you look closer, if not for a few tough breaks, last season may have looked very different for the Rams. With four games left in the season, the Rams were looking like a potential playoff team with a 7-7 record. But four straight losses to close the season, including three straight by one goal, doomed those chances, forcing Shawsheen to miss the tournament for the second consecutive year.

That's the bad news. The good news for the Rams is that they look like a team ready to rebound. Despite losing it top two scorers from last season, the Rams bring back 12 players that gained some valuable experience last season as well as a talented group of freshmen. They will be looking make a run at not only a post-season berth, but perhaps even a league title.

While losing leading scorers Monique Kazelyan (16 goals) and Shannon Fitzgerald (10 goals) will certainly hurt, Shawsheen coach Doug Michaud, entering his 14th season, is confident in this year's squad.

"We are losing five starters

overall, and four of them were in the middle of the field, from forward all the way back to defense. So, we have the perimeter covered, but we are inexperienced in the middle," Michaud said. It will be a little difficult with a young team, but we have some talented kids coming back and we have a lot of good players coming in as freshmen."

Among the talented group of players returning to the Rams, none had a better season last year than junior forward Maya DiMino. DiMino tied Fitzgerald for second most goals on the team with ten, and she will be relied on even more heavily this season.

"Maya has looked great so far in the preseason, and we are looking forward to seeing what she can do this year," Michaud said.

She will be joined up front by a pair of newcomers to the starting lineup, with freshman Leah Casey of Tewksbury and junior Kayla Ward of Wilmington also being relied on to provide an offensive spark. Both Casey and Ward may also see some time at midfielder, but Michaud is confident they will make a positive contribution regardless of position.

"Leah can really move the ball well. She is a talented player. She's got a great shot and great movement on the ball. I think she might be very good up front," Michaud said. "I am excited about Kayla this season. She has been helping us out up front. She is a lot more aware of what is happening this year, and she should have a very good season."

Another freshman, Kerry



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Varsity Soccer team will open the season this week and the team includes a handful of local Wilmington players including front row from left, Isabel Manning, Talia Steed, Emily Freitas; and back from left, Jordan Quick, Kayla Ward, Kaytlyn MacPherson, Ella Malvone, Amanda Howell and Eryn Ward. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Brown, the younger sister of recently graduated Megan Brown, one of last year's captains, is another of many freshmen that Michaud is excited about this season.

"With Megan, Leah and Kerry, we are looking really good up front," Michaud said.

While many of the positions are still yet to be determined, there are several players Michaud is very confident in, regardless of their position.

Among those players are a pair of local midfielders,

with senior Maddi McKenna of Tewksbury and junior Talia Steed of Wilmington. Both players are expected to take a step forward this season.

"Maddie has been looking good so far. She definitely worked on her skill in the off season. She is playing mid, but he will also see some time on defense," Michaud said. "Talia has been very good as well. She has been at the top of all of our drills. She has consistently been performing well, so it is great to see that kind of con-

sistency and effort."

Another freshman, Brielle Pigott, is also expected to contribute at the midfield or defense position.

"Brielle has been a stand-out so far wherever she has played," Michaud said. "She is probably more of a defender or a midfielder, but she has been good everywhere. She feels very comfortable in the midfield and she is a great communicator when she is out there."

Defensively the Rams will be led by junior co-captains Eryn Ward of Wilmington

and Jacqui Megna. Megna will likely see a lot of time at midfielder, while Ward will be more of a defender, but regardless of where they play, they will be a big part of the Rams success. They will be joined on defense by junior Katie Amidon.

Backboning the defensive effort for the Rams will be junior goalie Shelby Bourdeau, who returns for her second season between the pipes.

"Shelby just seems to get

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Shawsheen Tech Golf Preview

Driving Down Domination Lane: Rams going for No. 15

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA - Expectations are always high for the Shawsheen Tech Golf team, and with very good reason. High expectations kind of come with the territory when you win the league title year after year.

But heading into last season, those expectations were also met with some question marks, as the Rams took to the course with a relatively inexperienced team, with only one senior.

"But any doubts were soon erased, as the Rams posted a perfect 12-0 record within the CAC to win their 14th consecutive league title. The run of league titles gets more remarkable each season and Shawsheen coach Tom Struthers enjoyed last season's run to the championship as much as all of the others.

"Every year you always have some doubts and last year we looked at some of our league opponents like Essex Tech and Minuteman and knew they would be very good," Struthers said. "I don't know if it was the pressure of keeping the streak going or whatever it is, but the kids put in all the hard work necessary for us to have a successful season."

Nothing is guaranteed of course, but the Rams most certainly look primed for another very successful season, having lost just one player off of last year's championship squad. They also look to be in position to continue their great run for at least another couple of seasons, as they have a lineup dominated by juniors and sophomores, with only two seniors.

And while they will certainly miss the leadership provided by last year's captain Cam LeRoux provided, this year's squad looks stacked from top to bottom with talented and experienced players.

"Cam was a very big part of what we did last season. We have been blessed to have a number of great cap-

tains over the years and Cam was definitely a great one," Struthers said. "But we have some good players coming back who got better every time out last season, so we will see what they are all about. I think we are going to have a very good season."

Leading the way this season for the Rams will be senior captain Brady McFadden of Tewksbury. McFadden is one of only two seniors on the squad for the Rams, and Struthers is confident that the team is in very good hands under his leadership.

"Brady was a good player for us last year," Struthers said. "He competed very well. A lot was expected of him and he lived up to it. I feel like he will be just as good as our captains of the past. He is a great soft spoken kid who performs very well. He will either be our number one or number two player and wherever he is, I am sure he will do very well."

Competing with McFadden for the top spot in the lineup will be another Tewksbury resident, junior Sean Murphy.

"He is probably going to lead our junior class, which we have a lot of," Struthers said. "He is a great player. He had a fantastic year last year playing number three for us as a sophomore. We are hoping for more of the same this year. He is more confident and more mature. We are looking for big things from him."

A pair of players, junior Stephen O'Connor of Wilmington and senior Andre Comeau will be among those vying for the number three and four slots with the team.

"Stephen did very well last year. He was averaging around a 44 or 45, and this year he is even better. He is going to be another great part of the Shawsheen program," Struthers said. "As a senior, Andre is another great leader for us. He is such a great kid, and he could definitely fit into that number three or four slot."

Junior Connor Preble of Tewksbury, along with fellow junior Aiden Sullivan will also be battling to earn a spot in the top half of the Rams lineup.

"Connor is a kid who has put in a lot of work. Sometimes when kids come back and are practicing every day, there are some good days and some bad," Struthers said. "But Connor has been playing well and he has the potential to score in the high 30's or low 40's. Aiden practices all the time. He just wants to get better and better, and one he realizes just how good he is, he will be even better."

Juniors DJ Ducharme and

Nolan Rexford, among others, will also be looking to earn spots in the starting lineup. Both saw playing time last season, and are further evidence of just what a deep roster the Rams have.

"What's nice about this team is that there are so many kids capable of shooting a 38 or 39 every time out," Struthers said. "Of course they could also shoot a 45 or 46, so the key will be to be consistent."

Essex Tech will once again be very strong in the CAC, as will Minuteman, Northeast and Nashoba, but Struthers is very confident that the Rams will once

again power their way to the top of the league, and hopefully beyond.

"I feel very confident that we will have a very good season and represent Shawsheen very well. Out goals, like every year are to win the league, win the vocational title and win the CAC Tournament," Struthers said. "We would also love to be able to go the state tournament as a team. We have had individuals go, but we would really love for this year to be the year."

"We are also hoping this year to give our non-league opponents (Austin Prep, Bedford and Malden Catholic) a run for their

money. I feel like this team is strong enough to do that. We definitely have the skill to do it, but the question is will we be able to bring it to our game on a consistent basis. If we can do that, we will have a very good season."

The Rams opened their season on Tuesday against Gr. Lowell on the road with results not known as of presstime. The team will continue bus trips for its next four matches, stopping at Minuteman on Thursday, and then Northeast on the 11th and Nashoba Tech, on the 12th, before hosting Austin Prep in a non-league match on the 17th.

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Boys Soccer team looking to fill some vacant holes

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BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer team has established a fine winning tradition over the past several seasons, and last season was no exception. The Rams powered their way to a 9-5-4 regular season record, before suffering a 1-0 loss to Lynn Classical in the first round of the Division 4 North Sectional Tournament.

The 2018 squad accomplished their great season despite losing 12 seniors from the year before. While

the numbers are not quite so staggering this season, the Rams still must overcome the loss of seven seniors from last year's squad as they try to earn what would be their third consecutive state tournament berth, as well as their fifth in the last six years.

Shawsheen coach Tom Severo, entering his sixth season as head coach of the Rams, is confident that they will be able to overcome the loss of so many talented players. Some of the key losses for the Rams include leading scorer Jared Rizzo of Tewksbury, along with



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Varsity Soccer team includes a handful of Wilmington residents including front row from left: Evan Pinto, Kevin Stevens, Dan Archibald, Derek Costello, Connor Greenhalgh, Joe McLaren and Xavier Ambrose; and back row from left, Adriano Trotta, Johann Ferrer, Joe Hansen, Tyler Newhouse, Devin Almeida, Mike Broderick and William Richardson. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

Lowell Sun and CAC All-Stars Gavin Pigott Mike Reppucci. Reppucci, of

Tewksbury, was a three-year starter in net for the Rams.

"Last season was a wonderful experience," Severo said. "We exceeded expectations. Led by many outstanding seniors including Pigott, Reppucci and Rizzo. Rizzo scored many clutch goals for us.

"Losing at least seven starters from last year will present a new challenge for us this season. That being said, high achievement takes place in the framework of high expectations. So, our aim is high, making the state tournament again as well as the Vocational tournament and winning a tournament game are all on our radar this season."

Reppucci may be the toughest of all to replace after what he brought to the team in terms of both skill and experience in recent years.

"Mike had been our goalie for the past three seasons so he will be hard to replace," Severo said. "But we have two good candidates in juniors Adam Kearns and Tyler Newhouse (Wilmington)."

Kearns and Newhouse will not be the only players that Severo will be counting on this season, as several players who gained some valuable experience last season will also return to the lineup.

"Our captains are seniors Dan Archibald and Matt Pustizzi both of whom are year varsity members," Severo said. "We also have high hopes for Dan's brother, junior Tyler Archibald. He has a high ceiling in his skill level and game knowledge."

While the Rams will be looking to continue a winning tradition this season, they will also not be alone in

terms of talented teams; in the CAC. Severo is confident in his team, but he also knows they will have to be at their best in every game, if they hope to contend for league honors.

"We will be facing some great teams in our league, with perennial power, Chelsea as well as Lynn Tech, Northeast, Mystic Valley and of course Greater Lowell among others," Severo said. "The boys are in shape and working hard in the preseason."

Shawsheen opened the 2019 season on Tuesday at home against Gr. Lowell with results not known as of presstime. The Rams will return to action on Thursday when they travel to Lynn Tech before coming home on Tuesday to face Whittier Tech, both games are 4:00 pm scheduled starts.

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"better and better," Michaud said. "It is great having her back there. When she gets the ball, she is just confident and she knows what to do, and how to communicate with the other players. She knows that everybody is waiting for her, and that can be intimidating for some people, but not for Shelby. She always seems to make the right choice."

Behind the efforts of Bourdeau and many others, Michaud is hoping his team can make a return to the

post season after missing out on it the past two seasons. He knows it will not be easy, with the Commonwealth Athletic Conference getting better every year, but he feels like the pieces are in place for a tournament bid.

"I know that in our league Essex and Mystic will be very strong once again, but hopefully we will be as well," Michaud said. "We also have a little bit of a lighter non-league schedule this season which will hopefully

help. We have a very talented group this year and I have a lot of confidence in them."

The Rams opened their season on Tuesday against Gr. Lawrence with results not known as of presstime. The team will be back in action this week with a home opener on Thursday against Essex Tech before going on the road Tuesday to face Whittier Tech. Both games are slated for 4:00 pm starts.

With tough season behind, Wildcats only looking ahead

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saying that practices weren't fun last year, but there's so many sophomores out here today who can all play. We can go deep in a lot of positions so there's a lot of competition in practice. They really get after each other in a fun way and makes practice a lot of fun.

"Last year we were able to get some of these young kids into games and I think that has benefitted us for this year because those kids aren't having that 'oh wow, this is my first varsity football moment'."

While Turner realizes that this rebuild could take a bit, he is ecstatic about the vast improvement from the offensive line group.

"Right now I really like what I see from them," he said. "We have two young kids, two sophomores, starting on the right side with Jake Chirichiello at guard and Jack Malloy at tackle. Hopefully Karl Saied will be back in the next week or two. He has a bit of a back issue and we are hoping he returns for the second game

against Woburn. Once he returns, it'll just us better up front."

Across the line, senior captain Pat McAndrew (6-3, 285) will be at left tackle, followed by Nally (6-0, 250) as the left guard, Andrew O'Brien at center, and then the combination of Chirichiello (6-1, 250)/Malloy (5-10, 250)/Saied (6-3, 250) as the right guard and tackle. Their jobs will be open the holes for the running backs and create time for the quarterback to execute his throws.

"We're going to try to be balanced," said Turner. "Last year we struggled throwing the ball consistently. You want to run the ball but if you can't throw it, you end up in a tough spot. I think this year, we should be a little more dynamic in the passing game and we'll be able to run more of the (offensive plays) then we want to (as opposed to last year)."

Last year Wilmington scored 163 points an average of 14 points per game. The

'Cats rushed for 1,216 yards, but Peter Marino accounted for all but 202 of those and he graduated. Smith takes over as the team's No. 1 running back. He was a true force on both sides of the ball last year until an injury forced him to miss pretty much the rest of the season. Kyie Vallee, who is dinged up right now, figures to be the team's No. 2 runner. Last year Smith and Vallee combined to rush for 130 yards on 26 carries.

"We have been able to run the ball pretty well so far. We scrimmaged Salem, New Hampshire and they are a Division 1 team, and they are big and tough. That was a good, good test for us. (Last Wednesday) we were able to scrimmage Greater Lawrence and they are going to be excellent," said Turner. "They might have 120 kids on the team. That was a good test for us and I thought we did really well against them too."

"Bailey has been very good for us early on. He's a tough, strong kid and he's going to

be tough to handle. And with our offensive line, we think we can be pretty good running the ball."

Smith is coming off a sensational baseball season, including breaking the single-season record over the last 20 years of stolen bases in a season.

Last year the 'Cats really struggled executing a passing game including tossing 14 interceptions. In the scrimmages, it appeared as if senior Tristan Ciampa - who is coming off a terrific baseball season as well as a pitcher - and McCauley would share the snaps, but the ninth grader got hurt and will miss a month or so, leaving Ciampa as the No. 1 guy. Last year he completed 5-of-19 passes for 82 yards, mostly coming in tough situations during the middle of games.

"Tristan has done very well, but Joe kind of hasn't gone away (until he got hurt)," said Turner. "He's been very good and he's going to be a great player. Tristan has been good. He

knows the offense and he's been in it for three years. He's a big strong kid, who is a good runner. He has good chemistry with the older wide receivers that we have and with the younger kids, he's getting there with them. He has played varsity football before so that's a good edge for him to have. We were able to get him into games late in the season last year to try to give him some confidence heading into this year.

"He can throw. If he can keep it together up (in his head), he will be special. Sometimes he is his own worse enemy. He puts too much pressure on himself and we're just trying to get him to calm down and play. When he does that, he's pretty good."

While Marino took almost all of the rushing yards with his cap and gown, so did a handful of receivers, who also graduated. This year Turner believes that he has a strong and deep rotation of wide outs, starting with senior captain Christian Robarge and sophomore Gavin Erickson, as well as slot guys freshman Andre Turner and sophomore John Germano, while, sophomores Marcelo Misuraca, Alfonso Gambale, Peter DiAdamo and Pedro Germano are also right in the mix.

"I could run eight wide receivers out there and I would feel comfortable," said Turner. "It's a really deep, good group and they have had a good summer. Honestly, we feel that we can just rotate through those kids as all eight of them can play."

While the personnel will be much different offensively,

scheme wise, the team will be different defensively.

"We are in a transition right now and we're moving from a three-man front to a four-man front because I think it freezes up our linebackers to make more plays," said Turner. "Last year we didn't do it because we didn't think we were that deep on the defensive line and I still don't think we are this year, but with four guys, it's giving our linebackers more of a chance to make plays."

Among the other changes includes moving Nally from linebacker to defensive tackle/nose guard. McAndrew will line up as the other tackle, while Jared Venezia and Will Kenyon will be the two defensive ends.

Bailey, as well as Shane Roberts and Stephen Smolinsky will be the main linebackers, while the secondary will consist of Misuraca and Erickson as the corners, Robarge and Vallee as the safeties.

Smith will again be the go-to player on defense and has had games with 20 or more tackles.

"Bailey is just excellent, excellent. He has made some unbelievable plays the last few weeks and it looks like he just gets shot out of a cannon," said Turner.

Wilmington opens the season against Billerica on Friday night, in what's called "an endowment game", as results won't officially count in the standings.

The following Friday, Wilmington will officially open with a home game against neighbor Woburn, a playoff team from a year ago.

Division 4 North Football teams/poll

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DIVISION 4 NORTH

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Beverly
Billerica
Concord-Carlisle
Danvers
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Lynn English
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Tewksbury
Winchester

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2. Wayland (8-3)
3. Marblehead (9-2)
4. Gloucester (9-2)
5. Burlington (5-6)
6. Revere (7-4)
7. Wakefield (3-8)
8. Wilmington (3-8)



The 2019 Wilmington High School Varsity Cheerleading team includes front row from left, Alex Dirienzo, Shannon Barrett, Abby Silveira, Kaitlyn Howland and Tori Sanborn; middle row from left, Emersyn Foresyth, Alison Celata, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Jessica Hayduk, Julia Campbell; and back row from left, Kendall Estabrook, Alison Fogg, Tiffanie Smith, Tori Ciampa, Rachel Nally and Sofia Donovan. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

Wilmington Boys Soccer team is heading in the right direction

FROM PG SP1W

to happen)," he continued. "They are a positive group and the attitude has been good. The work ethic is good. Starting the season against the iron, no matter sport it is, is tough. We have a non-league game mixed in early against Beverly so if we could get that one, it could help us (with confidence)."

The Wildcats open the season on Thursday night at Belmont for a 7:30 pm game, and actually are on the road for six of the first seven games with additional stops at Beverly for a non-leaguer, Winchester, Burlington, Wakefield and Stoneham. Belmont, Winchester and Stoneham all reached the tournament last year, as did other ML teams Lexington, Arlington (16 wins each) and Watertown (13 wins).

"In this league, in soccer (it's very competitive). There was a point last year when six teams of the top 20 teams in all Eastern Mass where from our league so the deck is severely stacked against you," said the coach. "We had some pretty good players last year and we

were in some games and we were competitive, but we would lose games 2-1 or we would miss opportunities that we got so it's been tough. We finished 3-11-4 last year and it's been much of the same the last few years."

With win totals of five, five, six and three over the last four years, Scanlon decided that it was time to change things up formation wise, and he's entertaining a number of different possibilities. As of last Thursday, he said the team will be going to a 4-1-4-1 formation, but left it wide open for that to change.

"It gives us an extra person defensively and this way you can get numbers back defensively and numbers up offensively," he said. "We'll see how it works. We're looking at a couple of different formations right now."

The formation means that the team will have just one striker, then four midfielders and then one floating player so to speak in front of four defenders.

"If it works, we're going to rotate the one striker, but if we find that we're not generating enough offense (we'll

change things up)," he said. "The idea of it is the striker is the holding player. As the middles play the ball up to him, they go with him and then all of a sudden you can have four or five guys on the attack."

"The players ran it a bit in the summer league and it was effective. In theory, when the middles join, you could flare the ball out to the flanks, or bring it back in when you have numbers coming in. We're going to look at it anyway, and try something different. We're just looking for something different."

Scanlon was asked what made him want to tinker with different systems, moving off the "diamond" formation that has been the team's bread-and-butter for years, especially the most successful ones.

"The one (system) that we have been using, just isn't working for us so I'm looking at some different stuff," he answered. "We might use five guys in the back and go with that 5-3-2 so you have like a triangle midfield."

"We're trying anything.

We're looking at stuff for when we're in games where we know we're not going to control (possession). Can we stay in the game and still have a chance (to pull out a win)? Or maybe we can upset someone. You play well defensively, and you can counter and score a goal. We have done it a few times."

In order to turn things around in the win column, the Wildcats will need to stay healthy and of course score goals.

Defensively, the team could be pretty strong with the likes of juniors Alex Fitzler and Patrick O'Mahony, playing along side senior captain Taylor Padulsky, and most likely junior Patrick Xavier, who is up from the JV team.

"Defensively, I think we can be pretty good," said Scanlon. "Fitzler, O'Mahony and Padulsky are all pretty good defenders. Patrick Xavier is a big, strong athletic kid who is up from the JV team and he'll probably be the fourth defender."

Providing depth on defense will include juniors Chris

Wong and Ryan Forcina, while senior Domenic Ardizzoni is out with an injury for six weeks.

Playing in front of those four defenders will be senior tri-captain Ryan Clarke, and playing behind them is junior keeper Justin Healey.

"Clarke will play all over the field. He can play some midfield and he can play some defense. He is our one rover in front of our defense," said Scanlon. "Healey looks good. His weakness is height, with balls over him because he's not very tall. But he's pretty agile and he makes some pretty good saves going horizontal. He has some good defenders in front of him and we're going to try to keep the ball out of '18 (yard box) and ultimately out of our net."

The back-up goalie will be sophomore Liam Dwyer.

The obvious hope is to keep the ball out of their own net and into the opposing team's net. And the 'Cats will look to a handful of players to hopefully do just that. Junior Aidan McGrath is a skilled player who will be

one of the team's key players in the middle, while, senior captain Aeden Vitale and senior Rocco Scalfani are back from last year's club.

"Anay Gandhi and Christian O'Neil are both new, but good young players who can play both midfield and the striker positions. DJ Ricuperio is new and will be a reserve midfielder," said Scanlon. "Aidan is our strongest skilled player and he can play either one of those spots, striker or midfielder."

"Chris Bernazani is new and he'll see time at both positions and Vitale and Scalfani are returning players. Kevin Palmerino will be some striker and midfielder. We can mix and match that way."

Sophomore Christian O'Neil is a midfielder as well.

Also in the mix for the striker position will be Matt Pendenza and Cal Dipesa, who has been ill for several weeks and should return soon. Senior Jonathan Alvarez is a striker, who is up from the JV team.

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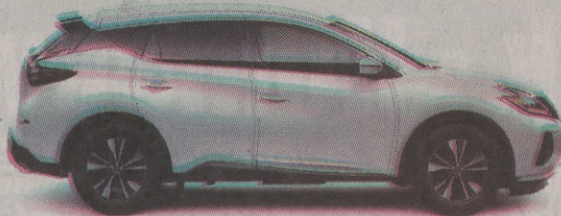
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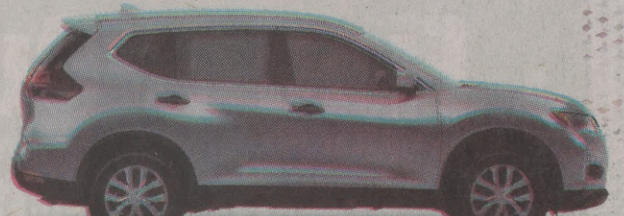
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